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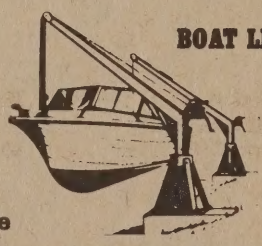

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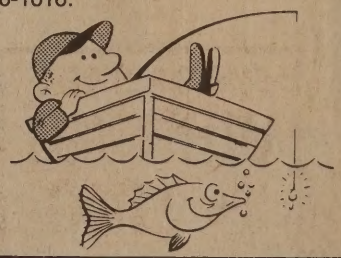

CLUB NEWS

EMPIRE STRIPER CLUB

The Empire Striper Association had its second intraclub contest in September. The results were the same as June. Only two bass caught. John Judge took top prize with a 24 lb. bass and Pres. John Hetzel came in second with an 8 lb. fish.

Rockaway fishing was not producing so six of our members left for the Cape on October 8th. They got

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L.I.F. TESTIFIES IN CONGRESS ON 200-MILE LIMIT & COUNCILS

In recent weeks, the U.S. House of Representatives Subcommittee on Fisheries and Wildlife Conservation has been holding Oversight Hearings in Washington in regards to the Fishery Conservation and Management Act of 1976, commonly referred to as the 200-Mile Limit. Aware of our deep interest in this subject through our past contact with his office, Long Island Representative Norman F. Lent called LIF and asked if we would give testimony at the hearings. Naturally, we enthusiastically responded yes, thanking him for keeping us in mind. Mr. Lent was one of the original sponsors of the 200-Mile Limit legislation, and as such, was greatly disturbed to hear that it may not be working as well as Congress had intended when it passed this landmark legislation. Mr. Lent has proven himself to be one of the few friends that Long Island sportfishermen can rely on to pay more than just lip service to our problems, in the past coming to our aid at the famous Bluefish Hearings last winter, and actively supporting our fight to have a recreational fishing representative appointed to the Mid-Atlantic Regional Fishery Council.

On October 11 and 12, LIF Publisher Rich Reina and I stayed in Washington, D.C., and I testified before the Subcommittee on Friday. During our two-day visit to the Nation's Capitol, we learned many things and also had many of our beliefs confirmed. Foremost of those beliefs was that somehow the National Marine Fisheries Service had gone astray from the **intent** of Congress in enacting the 200-Mile Limit. Basically, Congress' action had three purposes: **1.** To stop the overfishing in American waters by foreign nationals who had no stake in the future health of our fisheries; **2.** To further develop our own commercial and recreational fisheries, and **3.** To set up comprehensive plans to manage our fisheries so that they will not be abused and can realize their fullest potential in the future. Unfortunately, as so often happens in government, the intent of legislation passed by Congress often gets lost by the bureaucracy that must ultimately implement its provisions.

In this case that bureaucracy was the National Marine Fisheries Service, which evolved out of the old Bureau of Commercial Fisheries. True to form, NMFS completely lost the spirit and intent of the legislation, creating a lot of hard feelings from both recreational **and** domestic commercial fishermen. The commercial fishermen were (and still are) up in arms because they didn't fully understand the legislation when it went into effect. They erroneously believed that the 200-Mile Limit meant that all the foreigners would be thrown out of our waters, and they would reap the bonanza of fish that resulted. But Congress, in one of those rare cases where it showed wisdom, realized that it would be foolish to stop the foreigners from raping our fisheries only to replace them with our own domestic fleet that would surely do the same if left unchecked, and wrote into the legislation specific acts that would prevent this from happening. Specifically, the establishment of eight Regional Fishery Management Councils, whose function it would be to prepare a fishery management plan with respect to each fishery within its geographical area of authority. This meant that our own commercial fishermen would come under many rules and regulations designed to allow our fisheries to rebuild themselves to their former levels and prevent overfishing in the future. These regulations have been met with a lot of crying and complaining from commercial fishermen, who are against government interference in their activities in any shape, manner, or form unless, as a by-product, the regulation will directly put more money in their pockets.

Some excellent examples of this greed on the part of commercial fishermen can be found right here on Long Island. They are all for government loans and subsidies to buy new boats and the use of public funds to provide them with docking facilities. They are all for public funds to be used for the seeding and transplanting of shellfish, but moan and groan about permit fees and regulations. They are opposed to rod and reel fishermen selling their catch, yet refuse to be licensed and pay for the

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privilege of being the exclusive commercial beneficiaries of a public resource. And lastly, they all claim to be great conservationists and lovers of nature—a claim which is belied by the fact that commercial fishermen in New York have never supported a single piece of legislation designed to protect or conserve our marine environment unless it contained some possible monetary gain for themselves.

But to get back to the 200-Mile Limit. Although the enacting legislation specifically states that **both** recreational and commercial fishing should be developed, it seems that NMFS only chose to see the word "commercial," and thereupon proceeded to do everything in its power to develop our commercial fishing fleet, completely neglecting our recreational fishery. This policy of NMFS was most apparent by the original appointments made to the Regional Councils, which saw forty-six commercial fishing representatives appointed as opposed to only fourteen recreational fishermen—a ratio of almost four-to-one. This numerical inequity meant that states such as New York, where 12.5% of the saltwater sportfishermen in the United States reside, went completely unrepresented. For the first three years of the 200-Mile Limit, we were fortunate in that Al Ristori was on the Council as a representative of New Jersey and tried to protect the interests of our states' 2.5 million sportfishermen. Unfortunately, Al knocked heads with the powers that be in NMFS once too often in his sincere attempts to have them follow the intent and spirit that Congress intended, and Al eventually talked himself out of a job—to be replaced by yet another commercial fisherman.

In our testimony before Congress, we addressed the history of the appointments process to the Mid-Atlantic Council, how the appointments were used as political patronage, and how New York State's sportfishermen were not given representation as a result. We also addressed NMFS' demonstrated attempts to castrate the authority of the Councils and turn them into little more than advisory bodies by re-appointing only those representatives who toed the line and went along with NMFS policies without making any waves. Al Ristori was not re-appointed on the grounds that the Councils "needed new blood"; yet others such as Nancy Goell were re-appointed to a second term despite the massive public outcry that she was unqualified and had no credentials (other than political cronyism) to be on the Council. We protested the act by NMFS this year in taking one of New York State's At-Large seats away and giving it to the wife of a commercial fisherman in Delaware.

Surprisingly, this testimony did not fall on deaf ears. Virtually all of the Congressmen we talked to during our two-day visit were aware of the situation in New York, and were fully aware of similar problems with abuse of the appointments process around the Nation as a result of the previous testimony given by the Sportfishing Institute and the International Game Fish Association. Both Rich and I were impressed by the members of Congress, such as N.Y. Representative William Carney, who were on the Subcommittee and were genuinely surprised at their knowledge of the subject matter at hand. Although the stated purpose of these Oversight Hearings was to investigate how the 200-Mile Limit legislation was or was not working since its implementation, we expected the Congressmen on the Committee to have little knowledge of the subject and anticipated difficulty in making them aware of the problems that have been confronted by New York State's sportfishing community. But such was not the case, and it actually appeared that the system was working!

We also had the opportunity to speak at length with Bill Gordon, the Director of NMFS, and made our complaints to him directly. He seemed genuinely sympathetic with much of what he stated. Naturally, he couldn't or wouldn't agree that our arguments had merit, but did give us hope that some of our complaints could be rectified. For example, he said that there was no reason to believe that next year New York State would not get back the At-Large seat that it lost this year; so our efforts to have a recreational fisherman from New York appointed would not necessarily be in vain. Even if this effort were to fail, there is always the Obligatory seat (presently held by Nancy Goell) that comes up for re-appointment in 1981, and Mr. Gordon assured us that it would be "highly unlikely that Ms. Goell would be appointed to a third term." Because this seat is obligatory, NMFS **must** make the appointment from Governor Carey's list of nominees and will be unable to give the appointment to another state, as it did this year. So all we have to do is make certain that the three nominees of Governor Carey are all sportfishermen and we'll be guaranteed our long overdue representation on the Mid-Atlantic Council.

One final word on the 200-Mile Limit: it seems that we are always being asked to denounce it as not working, and some even claim that we were better off when the foreigners were raping our fisheries. We resist this temptation, which has been considerable over the last few years, and

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NATIONAL SCENE

NEWS & NOTES ON THE WORLD OF FISHING
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Good Year for Tagging Program

According to a recent report issued by the National Marine Fisheries Service Southeast Fisheries Center and the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution, 1978 was a record year for the tagging of game fish. Altogether, 3,325 fishes of twenty-four different species were tagged and released by anglers—an increase of 651 fish over 1977. Most tagging was done on billfish, with the total of 2,348 constituting an increase of 500 over the previous year. Broken down, the billfish total was composed of 1,496 sailfish, 610 white marlin, 226 blue marlin, and six swordfish. Anglers also tagged 588 tuna, most of which were bluefins (386)—plus 304 amberjacks and 95 fish of miscellaneous species. This program for the tagging of Atlantic game fish doesn't include the separate shark tagging program run by Jack Casey out of NMFS Narragansett Lab.

In addition to the angling tagging, commercial fishermen, fishery biologists and NMFS observers on Japanese longline vessels tagged and released 1,462 fish, including 1,047 tunas (1,033 bluefins). Other species were sailfish (36), white marlin (204), blue marlin (69), and swordfish.

Not only were a lot of bluefin tuna tagged, but there were also a substantial number of recoveries. Most of the 310 recoveries were of one to three-year-old school tuna captured by purse seiners. Rhode Island charter Captain, Al Anderson, got an example of the catching power of the purse seiners when four of his releases were captured in one day. Two of the schoolies had been released thirty-one days before; one, nineteen days prior, and the last only four days before the seiner set in the same Block Island area. Another of Anderson's fish lasted a little longer (111 days), before being captured by a Japanese longliner in December.

There were eight giant tuna recaptures, including one that set a record for time at large for a rod and reel caught giant. Fittingly, the tagger was the founder of the tuna tagging project and our country's leading expert on the bluefin tuna, Frank Mather. Frank tagged this fish on July 23, 1969 and it was recovered in a Canadian trap on August 15, 1978—3,310 days later. This is just short of the record for a commercial release of 3,515 days. Famous Long Island skipper Ed Murray, Jr. had one of the giants tagged by his son, Paul, in 1977, recovered the following year in the same general area of Massachusetts Bay by a handliner.

The most popular fish for tagging continues to be the sailfish, most of which are tagged off southeast Florida. There were twenty-four returns, including three that were quite significant. Most sailfish are recaptured in the same basic area, whether taken shortly after release or in following years. However, there is more to this species than just a series of localized populations. One recovery involved a sail tagged off Cozumel, Mexico in the spring and taken again off Miami in the fall. Another sail was tagged at Bimini, Bahamas in the spring, but crossed the Gulf Stream to be recaptured off Palm Beach on Christmas Day.

Most significant was a commercial recapture of a sailfish in the Dominican Republic in May, 1978. That fish had been tagged the previous summer off Lost Tree, Florida, and is the first instance of a Florida tagging being recaptured in the Caribbean in the spring.

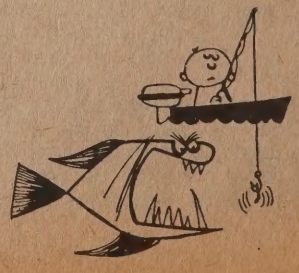
The 814 white marlin tagged in 1978 were the most since 1,018 were recorded in 1971. Most of this tagging was done in the Mid-Atlantic Bight. Only five recoveries were made, and three came from the same general area of release. A white tagged by Harold Silverman and Frederick Havemeyer, III on September 4, 1977, off Shinnecock, was recaptured on June 7, 1978 off Wrightsville, North Carolina. Most unusual was a tagging in Norfolk Canyon that was taken by a Korean longliner off the northwestern coast of South America only seventy-three days later. In that time, the white had traveled at least 1800 miles!

Though blue marlin taggings are increasing, very few have ever been recaptured and this has a lot to do with our lack of knowledge about this celebrated game fish. There were no recoveries in 1978, but a 1977 recapture was of great significance. That fish, tagged in the Virgin Islands in 1976, was caught by a French tuna boat off the Ivory Coast, Africa in the winter—the first direct evidence of trans-Atlantic movement of a billfish!

As you might well imagine, it's difficult to get swordfish tagged. The one breakthrough in that area occurred when observers were put aboard Japanese longliners after the billfish PMP provided that all species other than tuna must be released in the water. Of the 112 swordfish tagged in 1978, 103 were credited to the observers. Anglers accounted for only six, and commercial fishermen for three. There were no recoveries in 1978; but a single return the year before was of great importance as it proved that there is interchange between Atlantic and Gulf stocks.

The only small game fish with which this program is concerned is the amberjack. These powerful wreck dwellers are usually taken in the very same spot they were orginally tagged in. However, summer stocks of amberjack, which are common enough as far north as Ocean City, Maryland, appear to migrate north from Florida. For instance, three amberjack tagged off Virginia Beach in August and September were recaptured during the winter off Miami and Islamorada. Amberjack hold their tags well and are often taken after many years at liberty. They also don't learn their lesson very well. One caught off Jupiter was recaptured the very same day, and another was caught again three days later! John Jolly, a scientist with the Florida Department of Natural Resources, had a tagging feat that will probably never be beat. The last fish John tagged on his old boat and the first fish he caught on his new boat were the very same amberjack!

Tagging programs have provided a great deal of information on the migratory patterns and growth rates of many species. We particularly lack knowledge about the oceanic species and need a great deal more tagging in order to be able to properly manage them. If you'd like to help with the species listed here, write to: Chester Buchanan, NOAA/ NMFS Southeast Fisheries Center - Miami Laboratory, 75 Virginia Beach Drive, Miami, Florida 33149.



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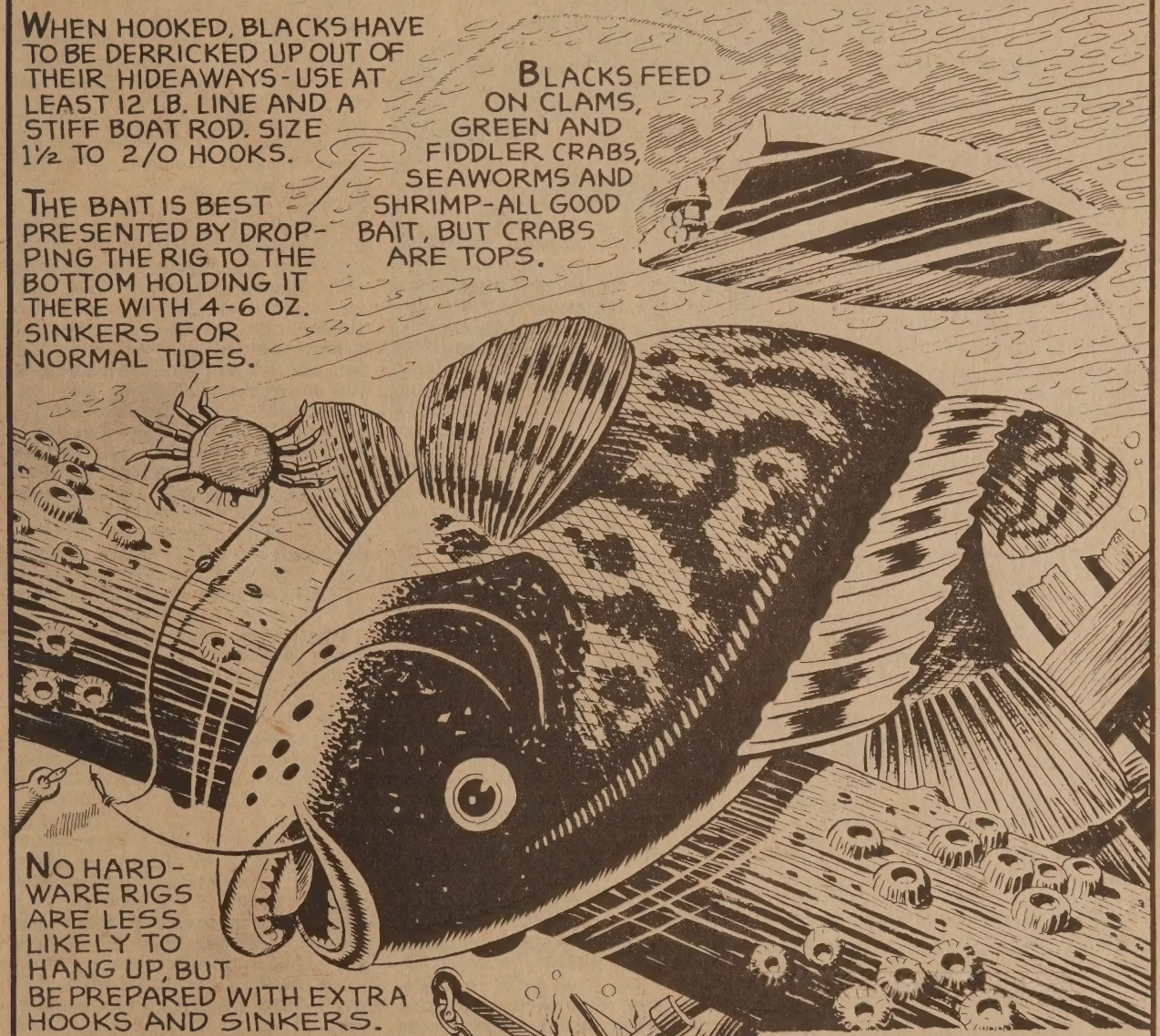

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with Dr. William A. Muller

Reader's Corner

WELL DONE! Thanks to Robert Tucker who was kind enough to take a moment and say a few nice things about a recent column. "Your column 'Fish talk—Have You Tried This Angle,' Sept. 13, 1979, was well done! Let's hear more." Robert also had thoughts on the 200-Mile Limit. "Is there any way to close the loophole in the 200-Mile Limit that allows foreigners to own U.S. fishing companies? Suppose we try this: only U.S. Citizens can own U.S. fishing companies. And well done on the national pride; there should be more written on this subject. A rose is a rose, no matter what you call it, and you called it." Clearly, you are right, Robert. We need to do something to close any and all loopholes in the 200-Mile Limit Law. Fishermen worked too hard for this law, only to have it squandered away by loopholes and bureaucrats. Your idea may fly, but that would be something better left to the pros. It is important, I feel, at this time, in light of some of the recent events, that saltwater sportfishermen begin a writing campaign to their Congressmen and Senators. Let them know how you feel and what you want done. No panic, mind you; just the kind of routine communication we should all have with our elected officials to make it plain that we will not put up with any nonsense. Some elected representatives have mobile offices, luncheons, breakfast get togethers, and open meetings. Perhaps these are more convenient for some people who have trouble picking up the pen. Whatever your style, let them know—and let them know often. That's part of national pride, too!

CHARLES STIFTER FROM NEW YORK CITY WRITES: "I have been fishing New York and New Jersey waters for the past twenty-five years and I have noticed the decline in water quality and also the declining quality and quantity of fish—the striped bass in particular. We need concerned experts and advocates of our sport to get involved. We also need the fishermen to join in battle or we may be out of business." Fishing blows hot and cold Charles, as you well know. Years ago we didn't have the weakfish. However, it seems that we must pay the price for everything that we get. So, more weaks and fewer bass. You may well be correct in your assessment of the water quality around these parts, especially as that comment may pertain to toxic chemicals. In my opinion, having knocked around the western Sound for many years, the sewage problem is better, but this may not be the best of worlds. I can't put in print the kinds of things that would float by me in the night about fifteen years ago, but I don't see them anymore. However, I get the wits scared out of me by what I can't see—such as PCBs, DDT, and who knows what else, like herbicides and heavy metals. Getting back to the thought that perhaps less sewage is not necessarily equated to better fishing, one very good skipper I know claims that the best striped bass fishing is sometimes found right where the sewage enters the sea. Although he may have something there, I'd rather take my fish from clean water thank you!

AGREES ONE HUNDRED PER CENT! "I have just read your **Fish Talk** in The Fisherman, and I agree one hundred per cent. But, what can be done is the question. What can fishermen like myself, who do not belong to any fishing club do? What we need is something like the National Rifle Association. Nothing goes on in Washington that they don't know about. They have a very strong lobby there. So why can't we do the same thing? I, for one, would join such a group, and I believe that many others would, too." These words from John Gortakowski are right on target. John lives in Bay Shore close to the water where he can see the changing fishing scene. The irony is that fishermen have repeatedly tried to gain access to the ears of Washington; but unfortunately, we seem so intent upon arguing amongst ourselves that we consumed what little time and interest people have until these efforts fade away, never to be heard from again. We can cite many examples, but we don't want to open old wounds. At the present time, our best shot at an N.R.A. type of group is the National Institute of Sportfishing. They have been gathering data, sponsoring get togethers, and lobbying. Perhaps we can lend our support to this group. If you are interested, write to:

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John also had a thought on the bluefish management plan. "The only reason the bluefish plan got passed is not because the people attended the meeting, but because the newspapers and TV covered it, and the people who ran the meeting don't like that. They don't like the people seeing what fools they are and what they are giving away. What we need is more newspaper and TV coverage, and with a National Fishing Club, I think we can get it! Well, I thank you for reading this and you have my support and if I can help in any way, please let me know." Fishermen should not sell themselves short. They are an important group both economically and politically. Economically, because we spend billions annually on everything from lures to gasoline and thus contribute millions in sales taxes to Uncle. Politically, we have the clout of numbers, only we rarely take full advantage of our strength. We tend to think that no one cares and maybe that belief is valid. However, we must make them care. Our votes can mean the difference between winning an election and losing it, and it's about time that we let them know about it. You're right when you say that newspaper and TV coverage is important; but it isn't the whole ballgame. I wonder if the National Marine Fisheries Service and the Mid-Atlantic Fisheries Management Council would have felt any pressure had the media tuned out and the people stayed home? We get things done when we pull together!

MEMBERSHIP IS 500! So writes S. S. Calafati, Vice President of the Holiday City Fishing Club, Toms River, New Jersey. Nice to hear from you folks in Toms River, and glad that the reach of THE FISHERMAN stretches so far. "Can you give me any information on where I can find East Coast saltwater fishing films for showing to the members of our Club. Can you give me any suggestions?" Don't feel bad, you are not alone. Questions about securing films for fishing clubs is the most often asked question from groups. Most of the clubs in our area are looking for films about local species such as bass, blues, weaks, and various bottom species. However, the folks who make films just don't make 'em about those kinds of fish. Almost all large fishing tackle manufacturers, outboard motor makers, companies that produce boats, and even chambers of commerce from states like Florida produce fishing films. The topics most often include largemouth bass, trout, tuna, billfish, and tarpon which, of course, are not our usual quarry. After you show a few films about species that the guys can't catch, they develop a very disinterested attitude—and who can blame them? Tarpon are nice, but before I can get too enthusiastic about that kind of fishing, I'll need one of two things: a house in Florida or lots of tarpon that show up in the South Shore surf. At the risk of repeating myself about films (since I've brought this up many times),

let's explore the possibilities. First, if you want films about local species, you'll have great trouble. You can rent some films from The American Sportsman, Connecticut, which are the actual shows that have been aired on television. There is at least one film on blues and at least one on bass. There are also some short films about various local or semi-local tourist areas in the greater Metropolitan New York Area. Try writing to the chamber of commerce in areas like Ocean City, Maryland (a little far for the New York area) and Massachusetts. Write to Channel 9 (WOR-TV) since they have been showing a fishing series on which one of the sponsors was, or is, Sports Afield Magazine. If WOR can't help, then try Sports Afield; WCBS-TV has also been showing a fishing series called the Outdoorsman, which runs during the winter on Saturday afternoons. Try writing to either CBS-TV or to Mercury outboards, who are the sponsors of the show. Unfortunately, these, too, will be mostly freshwater and glamour species stuff, but there is at least one show on blues and one on weakfish that I know of, plus a lot of helpful hints about tackle and techniques in general that most fishermen find very interesting. Good luck. We would appreciate it if you have any luck, if you would write back and share it with us. Our readers, many of whom find themselves in similar predicaments, will find your experiences very helpful.

ANDY ON THE MARK. Andy Regina, as many of you already know, is a pro in his own back yard of the western Sound, and he has always been quick to share these experiences and his knowledge with all of us through **The Long Island Fisherman**. Now, Andy is an accomplished angler and he doesn't need any tips from me; but since he has his finger on the pulse of local fishing, he knows what questions are on the minds of many of our readers. Now, since ol' Doc's brain ain't what it used to be, Andy helps me out by jotting down these questions and sending them on to me to include in my column. This last letter was prolific, offering eleven excellent questions. We'll insert one or two here and there in the column over the next several weeks. Now, Andy tries to trap me once in awhile by asking the sort of trick questions that can be answered in either one or one million words. It's a fun game, but maybe I could use a little help from you folks out there. If Andy traps me, let me know where I messed up so that I can have the right answer before he calls me up on the phone. That way I can be ready to laugh before he gets the chance! Andy's first question is one of those tricky ones. "What makes fish strike a lure? Is it sight, smell, or sound?" Now, I'll show you how this one, or one million words can work as an answer. First, to answer this query in one word—I simply say YES. To answer with one million words, I could dredge up scientific info, as well as talk about an endless list of experiences that prove one or the other stimuli is the key. I won't go the million word route. Actually, I think that all three are important. Sometimes they work together and other times only one is important. The lateral line of a fish is very sensitive to vibrations. Scientists believe that most predatory fish zero in on bait by sensing their activities. On the other hand, some bait has a strong smell which may be carried by the tide for great distances and the game fish may follow it up to its source. However, I think that when a fish gets close enough to strike, that it will or won't be on the basis of sight. We all know that when the water is too clear, a game fish may follow a lure and then turn away without ever striking. The fisherman says that the fish got "too good a look at it"—and this is probably true. In wild water, a fish sees the lure for a split second and must react quickly and are thus, often easier to fool. It would seem logical that if nature gave fish the senses of sight, sound reception, and smell that the fish would use all of them to survive. Perhaps these senses come into play under different circumstances and thus one may be more important momentarily to the fish at a given time than another—but ultimately they will all be used.

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Surf Side

with D. W. Anthony

WHERE TO FIND LATE SEASON BASS

It's been a rough season for striped bass for everyone and for those of us in the suds, it has been almost impossible. However, impossible doesn't mean impossible; it just means that it has been so damn hard to find any consistent run of bass that most surf fishermen—even some pretty good ones—have settled for weaks and blues most of the time. Strangely enough, now that the season is winding down, the prospects for catching some bass may be improving if you can be content with some small fish instead of the cows of yesteryear. I don't know, there is just something about a bass—regardless of the size—that gets the blood circulating. I know that each spring when I catch that first striper I always take a moment or two to admire the deep texture and subtle hues of pink, gold, green, and blues almost hidden beneath the dark stripes and silver belly. I may catch a weakfish before I manage a bass, but it will be the bass that will officially mark the beginning of the season.

Thus, it should also be fitting and just that a bass, and hopefully many bass, should mark the end of the season! In this day of declining bass populations, can it be done? The answer is yes. Although the Chesapeake stocks of bass have clearly declined greatly, there have been several good year classes of bass from the Hudson River. These fish have not made themselves scarce either, since they tend to stay in the western end of the Sound and not spread out up and down the Coast. Unfortunately, most of these fish are shorts; but there are enough five to ten pounders around to keep the interest up. The fish did not show up in any quantity in Little Neck Bay this spring, but in May and June quite a few were taken in the Sound from Eaton's Neck to City Island, around Staten Island, and in Jamaica Bay. Naturally, these bass did the usual disappearing act during the dog days of summer, but they should begin to school up and put the feed bag on during October and then we should be able to catch them until early December. But there remain some crucial questions: where, when, and how? In these days of super expensive gas, those questions are all too important. There was a time when we could afford to go here and have a look-see there in the hopes that sooner or later we might get lucky. Today, unless you have several hundred dollars to blow on gas every month, we try to do our homework and narrow down the odds.

Okay, although I'm not a mystic and I don't own a crystal ball, let me try and help you to narrow down the odds by sharing with you my experiences and the knowledge that others have shared with me. Since we will be looking for Hudson River bass, it would be best to stay within the boundaries of the areas mentioned above where the bass were taken in the spring. In Long Island Sound, access may be a problem, but it is not an impossible situation. For those of you who live in one of the towns that border the Sound from Eaton's Neck to the City Line, all you need to do is fish any of the spots where you usually find either weaks, bass, or blues in the spring. If you are new to the area, this means points of land where rips form, sand bars that may attract sand eels, spearing, or any bait that may be in the area and seek shelter on the down-tide side of the bar. Rock piles are also productive for bass since crabs, small blackfish, bergalls, clams, and worms may be abundant there—to say nothing of eels and larger baitfish.

If you aren't lucky enough to live in a town where your residence automatically gives you access, there are still opportunities. The Fort Totten jetty has, at times, produced good numbers of bass which have pocketed one type of bait or another on the northeast side of the jetty. In November, such mini-blitzes may even occur in the afternoon. When this happens, usually on overcast days, popping plugs and tins will take the fish. Some fishermen like to fish worms from that jetty at night and they do well at times. Other jetty jockeys work the swirling waters under the Throgs Neck and Whitestone Bridges. Frequently, the bass will follow the bait which is swept back and forth with each tide change. When the bait gets to the bridges, the back eddies around pilings afford the bait a resting spot; that is, until the bass find them and then their swimming may get even more frantic.

On the Bronx side, the fishermen claim that Orchard Beach has its moments. Years ago, it was even better in that it wasn't unusual to take cows during the early spring and fall from that area. Try Turtle Cove, Hunter Island, and Eastchester Bay.

There are many good places to try for bass around Staten Island: Cliff Street, South Beach, Princess Bay, under the Verrazano Bridge and Annandale have been popular spots. These areas hold their share of schoolies to be sure, but there are also times when bunker work their way up into the area and the big bass lurk nearby. In 1978, for example, many big bass were taken from Staten Island Beaches because the bass were following the bunker schools. Many fish were even taken in the day. Some fishermen tried fresh or frozen bunker chunks night and day; while others preferred to throw big white or white-and-blue swimming plugs such as the Danny, Atoms, Super Strike, and many homemade versions as well. Many surf nuts wouldn't waste any time with blind fishing. They would drive around looking for the bunker schools being harassed by bass, and then work the area. Big blues sometimes linger late into the fall around Staten Island; so be careful and keep a supply of wire leaders handy. There are times when an alligator blue may wander upon a bait meant for a bass as late as early December.

The extreme western end of the South Shore has produced bass, especially schoolies, in late fall consistently for the last—well, many years. People tend to forget about quality fishing for small fish when both interest and newspaper space is dominated by news of big bass falling for eels along the eastern South Shore surf. But those glory years are gone, at least for the time being; and suddenly everyone remembers those piers, jetties, back bay coves, creeks, and bars where the little fellas play.

The fish have been so widespread that it doesn't pay to make a long list of these spots since it might mislead you into thinking that your back yard won't produce. Surely there will be several areas that you can reach within a short drive of your house. The 69th Street pier in Brooklyn, or the Sanitation Pier at the foot of the Brooklyn Bridge have produced well. Better fishing will occur at night since pier, road, and bridge lights will be on enhancing the area's ability to attract and hold bait; but there will also be days when the bass will cooperate in daylight. And don't think that this fishing ends early—because it doesn't! Years ago we would fish near and under the Verrazano Bridge from the Brooklyn side at night with worms and damn near take bass all winter!

One word of caution and a reminder. Some of these areas are a little remote and desolate at night, and they have been known to harbor a mugger or two. It's best to fish with a buddy in some of these areas; but if you live in the city, you'll know which areas are a problem. If you are new to the area or to the sport, check with a local bait and tackle dealer for the lowdown on various spots. Tackle shops will also be able to tell you which piers, coves, etc., are producing at that time too. Also, remember that many of the bass are shorts and, therefore, should be returned. In New York State there is a sixteen inch limit and all fish smaller than this should go back into the water. There is a fine if you are caught keeping shorts. Numerous complaints to the DEC from fishermen disgusted with the number of shorts that some fishermen keep, has resulted in a step-up in enforcement of the size limit law.

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HIGH TIDE TABLES

DAY	SANDY HOOK AM	SANDY HOOK PM	Breakwater Harbor AM	Breakwater Harbor PM	NEW YORK AM	NEW YORK PM	NEW LONDON AM	NEW LONDON PM	WILLETS POINT AM	WILLETS POINT PM	BRIDGE-PORT AM	BRIDGE-PORT PM	NEW-PORT AM	NEW-PORT PM	DATE
THUR.	11:13	11:37	–	12:01	11:35	–	12:33	12:41	2:09	2:24	2:23	2:36	11:21	11:49	10/25
FRI.	–	12:07	12:23	12:48	12:12	12:33	1:24	1:32	2:57	3:12	3:11	3:27	–	12:13	10/26
SAT.	12:35	1:04	1:19	1:46	1:13	1:31	2:22	2:32	3:49	4:08	4:04	4:25	12:44	1:12	10/27
SUN.	12:36	1:07	1:23	1:51	1:18	1:37	2:25	2:41	3:49	4:09	4:05	4:27	12:47	1:14	10/28
MON.	1:44	2:13	2:33	2:59	2:24	2:45	3:31	3:50	4:54	5:19	5:11	5:35	1:51	2:19	10/29
TUE.	2:52	3:19	3:41	4:04	3:30	3:54	4:34	4:56	6:12	6:40	6:14	6:42	2:54	3:20	10/30
WED.	3:58	4:25	4:43	5:04	4:36	4:58	5:32	5:56	7:33	8:05	7:15	7:43	3:52	4:18	10/31
THUR.	4:58	5:23	5:40	6:02	5:34	5:55	6:25	6:51	8:37	9:11	8:12	8:41	4:47	5:11	11/1

HOW TO USE TIDE TABLES:

To compute the high tide for the area you wish to fish, simply find the closest area on the conversion tables. Add or subtract the hours and minutes as indicated from that areas station above. Example: "Shinnecock Inlet . . . —0 50" is listed under "On SANDY HOOK." —0 50 means you subtract 50 minutes from the times given for the SANDY HOOK STATION for the day you are going fishing. This is the approximate time for the high tide in the area. For low tide, add 6 ½ hours to this figure

On SANDY HOOK

STATEN ISLAND	+ 0 27
ATLANTIC HIGHLANDS	—0 01
Red Bank, Navesink R.I.	+ 0 48
Long Branch	—0 34
SHARK RIVER INLET	—0 18
Shark River Basin	+ 0 27
MANASQUAN INLET	—0 12
Seaside Park	—0 33
Mantoloking Bridge	+ 5 34
TOMS RIVER	+ 4 37
Waretown	+ 2 33
BARNEGAT LIGHT	—0 20
Manahawkin Bridge	+ 2 33
Beach Haven	+ 1 47
LITTLE EGG INLET	—0 01
Seven Islands	+ 0 12
Graveling Point	+ 1 05
Mullica River	+ 1 55
Grassy Bay	+ 1 08
ABSECON INLET	+ 0 14
Atlantic City Pier	—0 26
Gt. Egg Harbor Inlet	+ 0 12
GREAT EGG HARBOR	+ 0 46
CORSON INLET	+ 0 09
TOWNESEND INLET	+ 0 06
HEREFORD INLET	+ 0 02
Grassy Sound Bridge	+ 0 45
Cape May Harbor	—0 02
Rehoboth Beach	—0 07
INDIAN RIVER INLET	+ 0 14
SHINNECOCK INLET	—0 50
Shinnecock Bay	+ 1 25
East Quogue	+ 2 45
Shinnecock Canal	+ 1 18
Indian Reservation	+ 3 05
MORICHES INLET	—0 56
Smith's Point	+ 3 28
Harts Cove	+ 1 30
Potunck Point	+ 3 35
Mastic Beach	+ 3 28
FIRE ISLAND INLET	—0 38
Democrat Point	—0 38
Coast Guard Station	—0 19
Fire Island Light	+ 0 47
GREAT SOUTH BAY	
Sayville	+ 3 39
Heckscher State Pk.	+ 3 20
Bay Shore	+ 2 23
Babylon	+ 2 12
Amityville	+ 2 21
JONES INLET	—0 19
Zachs Bay	+ 1 25
Seaford Harbor	+ 2 05
Freeport Creek	+ 0 34
E. ROCKAWAY INLET	—0 06
Long Beach Bridge	+ 0 19
ROCKAWAY INLET	—0 00
Beach Ch. Bridge	+ 0 38
JFK Airport	+ 0 26

On BRIDGEPORT

Lloyd Point	+ 0 08
Cold Spring Harbor	+ 0 08
Bayville Bridge	+ 0 13
Eatons Neck Point	+ 0 03
Northport Bay	+ 0 03
Norwalk Islands	+ 0 10
Smithtown Bay	—0 03
Cranes Neck Point	+ 0 05
Port Jefferson Harbor	+ 0 03
New Haven Harbor	+ 0 08
Mount Sinai Harbor	—0 08
Herod Point	—0 07
Mattituck Inlet	+ 0 19
Horton Point	—0 20
Truman Beach	—0 42
Falkner Island	—0 13
Sachem Head	—0 10
Branford Harbor	—0 07
New Haven Harbor	—0 08
Milford Harbor	—0 07
Stratford	+ 0 27
Shelton	+ 1 36
Black Rock Harbor	—0 03
Saugatuck River	—0 01
South Norwalk	+ 0 10
Greens Ledge	—0 01
Stamford	+ 0 04
Cos Cob Harbor	+ 0 06
Greenwich	+ 0 02

On NEW LONDON

Orient Point	+ 0 27
Little Gull Is. (Race)	+ 0 12
Greenport	+ 1 04
Southold	+ 1 43
New Suffolk	+ 2 26
South Jamesport	+ 2 32
Shinnecock Canal	+ 2 33
Noyack Bay	+ 2 05
Sag Harbor	+ 0 59
Gardiners Bay	+ 0 21
Promised Land	—0 14
Montauk Inlet	—0 25
Montauk Point	—1 13
Niantic	+ 1 20
Stonington	—0 33
Noank, Mystic River	—0 23
THAMES RIVER	
Smith Cove	—0 01
Norwich	+ 0 09
CONNECTICUT RIVER	
Saybrook jetty	+ 1 10
Lyme	+ 1 24
Essex	+ 1 38
East Haddam	+ 2 41
Higganum Creek	+ 2 54

On WILLETS PT.

Little Neck Bay	—0 10
Execution Light	—0 06
Manhasset Bay	—0 01
Hempstead Harbor	—0 11
City Island	—0 03
Rye Beach	—0 28
Port Chester	—0 09
Mamaroneck	—0 08
New Rochelle	—0 24
Davids Island	—0 02

On B'WATER HB.

CAPE MAY POINT	—0 10
Miami Beach	+ 1 17
East Point	+ 0 53
Egg Island Point	+ 0 33
Cape Henlopen	—0 05
ROOSEVELT INLET	+ 0 09
Mispillion River Ent.	+ 0 33
St. Jones River Ent.	+ 0 57

On NEW YORK

Jersey City	+ 0 07
Geo. Washington Br.	+ 0 46
Spuyten Duyvil	+ 0 58
Ossining	+ 1 53
Peekskill	+ 2 24
West Point	+ 3 16
Newburg	+ 3 42

On NEWPORT

Sakonnet	—0 10
Tiverton	+ 0 21
Beavertail Point	—0 02
Prudence Is., Sandy Pt.	+ 0 10
Bristol	+ 0 10
Warren	+ 0 21
Nayatt Point	+ 0 12
Pawtucket	+ 0 21
East Greenwich	+ 0 16
Wickford	+ 0 12
Narragansett Pier	—0 08
Point Judith Harbor	—0 07
BLOCK ISLAND	
Great Salt Pond	+ 0 05
Old Harbor	—0 14
Watch Hill Point	+ 0 44

SUNRISE/SUNSET

10/3	6:58	6:39
10/8	7:04	6:31
10/13	7:10	6:23
10/18	7:15	6:15
10/23	7:20	6:08
10/28	6:27	5:01

PHASES OF THE MOON

NEW	1st Qtr.	FULL	2nd Qtr.
10/21	10/28	10/5	10/12

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SOLUNAR TABLES

When To Fish Or Hunt

The schedule of solunar periods for the following week as printed below has been taken from the original Knight Solunar Tables. Plan your day so that you will be fishing good areas during these times when the fish should be most active. The tables are not a guarantee you will catch fish, however.

The major periods begin at the time shown and last for an hour-and-a-half or two hours thereafter, and are in the bold type face. The minor periods are shorter in duration and lighter type.

	AM Minor	AM Major	PM Minor	PM Major
Thurs.	8:30	**2:45**	8:55	**3:15**
Fri.	9:30	**3:45**	9:55	**4:10**
Sat.	10:25	**4:45**	10:55	**5:10**
Sun.	10:25	**4:40**	10:50	**5:10**
Mon.	11:25	**5:35**	11:45	**6:00**
Tues.	—	**6:25**	12:15	**6:50**
Wed.	12:35	**7:15**	1:05	**7:45**
Thurs.	1:25	**8:05**	2:00	**8:30**

Sinker Bouncing

with Matt Ahern

LING FISHING

How one feels about ling depends much upon what he's been told about them. I guess you might call this a form of brainwashing. I feel I was fortunate in this respect, for my first experience with ling was all to the good. Like so many others before me, my first party boat venture was for ling. This trip, which I often regard as the turning point of my fishing career, came about after being "brainwashed" by a neighborhood youngster who had made his first ling trip just hours before I met him. He and his Uncle had returned home with a good hundred pounds of potbellied ling and he insisted I just had to go home with him and see that catch. I needed no coaxing. For a kid like me whose sole fishing activity had been snapper chasing, it was a never-to-be-forgotten sight. I still recall most clearly this kid's enthusiasm and his bubbling tales of the good fishing he'd enjoyed, and which, he reminded me, I'd surely miss if I failed to join he and his uncle the following week. I guess he was a pretty good salesman because he certainly sold me. But then that really wasn't difficult to accomplish. I was so fish-happy in those days, I could have been sold a bill of goods on bergall fishing. All that I required at the time was that the subject of interest have fins. Of course, I just had to go out that next weekend and I couldn't wait for the time to pass.

And when it finally did pass and we made that trip aboard the old World War I ex-subchaser Fidus out of Canarsie, I found that my companions hadn't embellished the truth one bit. We fished the Ambrose Lightship grounds that day and I caught ling until I was actually arm weary. They were the largest saltwater fish I'd ever caught and I was ecstatic.

From then on, not only couldn't I keep away from party boats, I was enthralled with ling fishing and went as often as possible. But I didn't stop at that. As the seasons progressed, I fished for sea bass, porgies, fluke, blackfish, whiting, cod, etc., and I loved it all. But back of my mind were those ling, and I couldn't wait to get in my licks again come springtime. Those other "fancier" fish might give me a hard time occasionally, but ling—never!

To me, it is a sad thing when fishermen look down upon ling. This past June, I was on a party boat that intended to go sea bass fishing. While I sat in the cabin waiting for departure time, I struck up a conversation with a fellow passenger. Sometime during our confab, he asked me if there were ling mixed in with the sea bass and when I told him yes, he immediately packed up and walked off the boat.

I don't know what this fellow had against ling, but I thought he was carrying things a mite too far. But that's the way some fellows are; and what are you going to do about it. In fact, in this particular instance, that fisherman missed out on some pretty good sea bass fishing that day. And as for the ling, they were carted off by the sackful. So popular were the ling that day, one fellow asked me to sell him some of mine. Rather than do that, I gave him a baker's dozen and let it go at that.

But as I say, much depends upon attitude when it comes to ling fishing. You either enjoy it, or you don't. It's that simple.

Surely, ling will never win a beauty prize. I doubt even staff artist Fred Guardineer and his magic pen could bring that about. But you know what they say about beauty: it's in the eye of the beholder. There are an awful lot of fishermen who look upon ling and feel as I do. There are also many party boat skippers who look upon ling as money in the bank.

Homely or not, ling have saved many a fishing day.

Especially will you find this true now that November is waiting in the wings and exciting thoughts of the coming codfishing season are on every bait dunker's mind. But let's face it, fellers. If the winter codfishing this year is similar to the past few seasons, you can expect to put in some slow days. I caught a few cod last year, but I slaughtered the ling.

Particularly do I recall a warmish mid-November day last year when the cod dropped dead and we finished the day at the Joe Wreck south of Jones Inlet. We bailed ling until all hands were satisfied. There seemed to be no end to them. And that wasn't the first time we had to look for ling to make the day profitable. Fair weather or foul, good old reliable ling—the fisherman's friend.

The objection most fishermen have to ling is that they don't fight. True enough. But they do resist as best they can. The shallower the water, the more the resistance. I've caught ling off Sandy Hook's Cedar Grounds in spring and have always been amazed at the scrap they gave me. But catch them in the one hundred foot depths and it is another story. Let's say they do the best with what they have.

Because ling are caught in fairly deep water most times, medium-weight conventional tackle is necessary. Which means that whippy spinning gear is out. You'll find it quite difficult to sink the hook with this stuff. Actually, the best tackle of all is the old-time dropline, which is what many fishermen in the long ago used. It's what I used on that first ling trip I told you about before. But with all the excellent tackle so readily available, who wants to go back to caveman tactics.

You can do just as well with a medium-weight conventional rod and matching reel filled with at least one hundred yards of thirty pound test mono, and with

One ling up—and another on the way.

It isn't different to fill a basket with ling.

this find the fishing most enjoyable. I know some fellows would rather use twenty pound mono, and so would I; but when fishing ling in the fall there's always a good chance of latching onto a stray cod. Should that happen, it's good to know you've got something going for you.

As for sinkers, any type except the surfcaster's pyramid will do. In fall, it is best to use one that anchors the rig, rather than one light enough to allow it to move about with the current. That lighter line method works better in spring when jigging is a good way to produce ling, but don't forget cod may be about in fall and they don't approve of moving baits. You'll find most sinker weights vary from five to eight ounces, depending upon current and weight of mono.

The mention of cod brings me to hook size. In spring, a regular shanked 3/0 Sproat is fine, but because of the possibility of finding stray cod on fall ling fishing grounds, I would up that to 4/0. This hook is strong enough to hold a cod and yet is not too large for ling. I've caught many a cod on these hooks while ling fishing and have no fault to find.

As for rigging, there are two ways to go about it. When fishing over open bottom, a tandem rig tied in about three inches above the sinker will work fine—and you can add a third hook about three feet above the sinker to entice any cruising cod. You are more likely to snag a whiting, though.

Because ling fishing is often good around offshore wrecks in spring and fall, you can modify your rig a bit when fishing these areas. Tie in one hook above the sinker at the recommended distance for open bottom fishing, and place another high enough to clear without tangling. You won't catch many ling on this top hook, but when fall wreck fishing, you can expect just about anything else to latch onto it.

When party boat fishing, you will probably use skimmer or squid slices for bait. If the ling are around, these will get you all the fish you want. But if you should latch on to a bergall, don't throw it back. Leave scales on, cut off each side and slice into half-inch wide strips, three inches long. Weave hook through twice and allow the point to be exposed for easier hooking. Ling dote on sliced bergall and you'll save yourself much rebaiting.

Whether you fish at anchor or drift depends upon sea conditions and is done only on open bottom. Chumming with cracked whole skimmer is a method used by some ling fishermen, and not at all by others. I have found that when anchored over known ling grounds and the fish are slow in finding the bait, chumming will definitely speed things up. But once they are gathered around, it is best to stop. Feeding ling set off a chain reaction of their own. When fall ling fishing over wrecks, I have used chum on occasion, but sparingly, and not at all when bergalls were abundant.

There isn't much to ling fishing techniques which, of course, is all to the good. They are a great fun fish for the beginner, proving to him that he can indeed catch fish.

If you've never gone ling fishing, keep it in mind. And when you catch your first ling, I hope you will find them as welcome as thousands of others before you. Hopefully, you won't have to be "brainwashed."

Sinker Bouncing: LATE SEASON BASS

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That brings us to when! Fishing picks up in September, but the best of it doesn't occur until mid-October to early December. Stormy days should be avoided if strong winds are known to discolor the water. This is typical of what happens in some of the coves in Jamaica Bay where a strong southerly wind will stir up the rich mud and make the areas virtually unfishable. Much the same can happen in Long Island Sound when a strong northerly wind blows. However, these are only generalities and there are usually a few hideaways that are sheltered from the wind where a guy can try his luck. For example, under the Throgs Neck and Whitestone Bridges, the water usually remains fishable except when a northeast or east wind builds up. Strong winds from the west, south, or north present no problem.

The how! There are many, many techniques that work well throughout the western end of the Island in late fall. Although many fishermen prefer worms at night, this is by no means a guarantee and there are times when other baits are better. Clearly, the nighttime fishing is better than the day, since the bass are known to become shy, resenting both bright sun and heavy traffic. There are some fishermen who swear by the bucktail. They use one-eighth to three-quarter ounce white bucktails most commonly, but red-and-white and yellow also take their share of fish. The light tackle fisherman also finds that small swimming plugs such as Hellcats, Rebels, RedFins, Rapalas, and Mirro-Lures work well. Some of the anglers who like to use swimming plugs also tie on a bucktail and feather teaser about eighteen inches ahead of the plug. Sinking models of the above plugs also produce where there isn't a lot of bottom debris. Of course tins, such as Hopkins, Kastmasters, Johnson Sprites, and a host of other brand names work well in the day or at dusk and dawn. When the fish are feeding on top they may also hit a small chrome or white popping plug, too.

Don't discount the possibilty that a chunk of bunker, herring, butterfish, or live blackfish will be the bait of the hour, although it is seldom necessary to find and use these bigger baits since most of the fish are small.

If you have a mind to, you can always follow the bass up the river a short way in December and January. That way you'll make the season even longer, or if cold air and cold water are a dynamic duo that you'd like to avoid, you might find solace at a power plant effluent where at least your feet will be warm! Good luck with those Hudson River fish. Remember that the species is scarce, so maybe you'll want to think about releasing some of them for next year.

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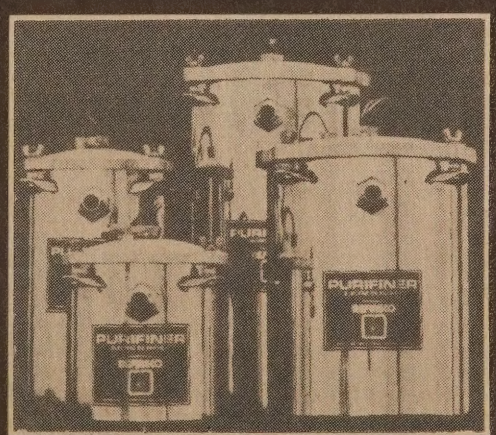

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Bang 'em with Balsa!

by Doc Grell

Are you bored with dragging jelly worms, squid strips and killies all over the Great South Bay in major navigational channels on days when it appears that Dunkirk is again being evacuated? Are you tired of spending early morning hours trying to snag three or four bunker in order that you might catch a big striper or tiderunner weakfish? Are you frustrated when small bluefish chomp your Salty Dog or live killy into neat pieces? Do you despair when you can't catch a small blackfish for live-lining? Do you weary of buying live bait or frozen bait prior to your fishing trip? Do you want to spend more time actually fishing and less time procuring bait? If the answer is "yes" to the above questions, may I suggest that you begin to fish with the wonderful world of balsa: light wood.

It is amazing the number of fishermen who are caught up in the limited world of high-low rig fishing and live-lining. When the fishing is poor, this means that you either eat your bait or throw it back into the briny, which is actually a waste of your money. If you eat your unused bait—fine, you are ahead of the game.

On the other hand, if you are a "compleat" fisherman, I am sure that you are willing to experiment and are fully aware of the fishing ruts that we all tend to get into every so often. I try to stay away as much as possible from doing the same thing over and over again, especially when a certain technique appears ineffective. I am a rather nervous individual and get bored rather rapidly when my high-low rig with killy and squid strip technique fails to produce fish after two hours of drift fishing. I am disgusted when I fail to snag the needed live bunker or blackfish so necessary for live-lining. Do I terminate my day's fishing trip when I am confronted with these problems? Certainly not. I experiment and proceed with different workable and fish producing methods.

What I am suggesting as an alternative procedure to those fishermen interested in variety and catching fish in rather "clean" fashion is that you look seriously into the wonderful world of balsa wood baits. There are a variety of models available such as Rebel, Sea Wolfe Tackle, Mann's, Atom, Cotton Cordell, Rapala, Creek Chub, Stan Gibbs, and Bagley's. (Ed.'s Note: Not all of these lures are made of balsa, but they are light.) These lures come in a myriad of colors, shapes and sizes. They simulate many species of wounded bait fish. Amongst these lures can be found floaters, sinkers, divers, and those with negative buoyancy. Most of these lures are painstakingly shaped, sanded, sealed, painted, and delicately balanced as well as being amazingly strong. These lures are indeed works of art and do catch fish. One of the nicest features is that they can be used over and over again in contrast with live baits which expire with just so much dragging around. These lures encompass all methods of fishing: casting, drifting, plugging, shallow and deep water trolling. A variety of these lures can be cranked to the bottom of deep holes with amazing results. They are employed throughout the freshwater and saltwater fishing world. Many of the models are ideal for the light tackle fisherman who knows the thrill of landing big fish on small lures. In reality, they are the light tackle fisherman's dream come true, since they can do so many things in addition to making long casts. For the heavy tackle "meat and potato" fisherman or those who seek offshore adventure, the larger lures are also tough enough for the real heavyweights such as tuna, albacore, marlin, and sailfish.

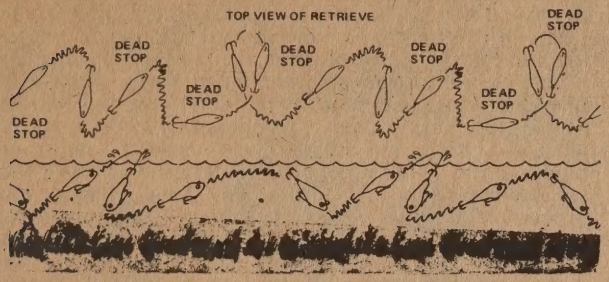
In the Great South Bay and off Fire Island, I have caught large fluke, large weakfish, stripers, bonito, yellowfin tuna, bluefin tuna, albacore, and bluefish of all sizes with these lures which have been cast, popped, trolled and drifted. They lend themselves to a variety of fishing methods. One of the oustanding features of the Diving Bang-O-B series by Bagley is the presence of diving planes on the forward lip of the lures which can be tuned for deeper or shallower diving; greater or lesser vibrational motion, or decreased or increased vertical and horizontal motion, depending upon the whim of the fisherman. I have plugged big weakfish up in the shallow water flats with light tackle employing Balsa Shiners, Bang-O-Lures, Rebel Minnows, Honey Bees—all bite-size balsa. On the ocean side, I have trolled thirty-five pound tuna in 135' of water with a tuned eight inch Diving Bang-O-B with the lure maintaining a ten foot depth at a fast trolling speed. In the Great South Bay, I have caught striped bass in twenty-five foot holes with diving lures which really get down into the secret hiding place of stripers, big weaks and large fluke. One thing for sure, they do beautifully simulate wounded bait fish and when worked correctly do lend themselves to a mixed catch. For example, one day I am casting a five-and-a-half inch long diver into a hole down at the Fire Island Lighthouse intending to catch a tiderunner weakfish when—lo and behold, a beautiful thirteen-and-a-half pound fluke decides that he has been aggravated enough and swallows the whole lure. Another day off Fire Island, I am trolling for stripers in twenty feet of water at very slow speed with an eight inch diving plug, when all of a sudden, my two rods go off with ten pound bonito. I am into bonito right up against the beach with the diving lures doing their thing. One never knows what he will catch, but the results, to say the least, have always been remarkably interesting. Diversity is the name of the game.

If there be any limitation to their use, it might be their cost. However, when the cost factor of lures is weighed against the cost of today's bait procuring procedure, all things become equal.

BALSA IN THE FLATS: BASIC TECHNIQUES

Up in the Great South Bay grass flats where the water averages two to four feet deep, I employ my seven foot Berkeley Parametric spin pole and Daiwa 1500 reel loaded with six pound Tournament Ande line. The lures I use are Bagley Balsa Shiners (two inch models, Killer B's, Balsa B's, Danny Surface Swimmers, Small Atoms, Cordell Pencil Poppers, Rapala Floaters, Rebel Minnow Floaters, Creek Chub Injured Minnow Floaters, Stan Gibb four inch poppers, and darting plugs. All of these lures have great casting ability and simulate wounded bait fish, even to breaking the water surface occasionally. These lures—especially those which look like shiners, spearing, and small killies—when cast will go no deeper than two-and-a-half feet no matter how far you cast. This factor is most important to saltwater fishing since shallow water fish are usually skittish. Long casts are made with long sweeps and short, jerky motions of the rod tip. The lure is not dragged between jerks. On the contrary, the balsa lure is made to dart in little convulsive motions, letting it take its own course. No swivels or other junk is employed in attaching lure to

line. I have found the above lures, employed with this technique, to be very productive in catching schooling bass or sea trout in spring and early summer.



For water a little deeper than two-and-a-half feet (three to six foot depths), I employ Killer B's of the three, two-and-a-quarter and one-and-a-half inch class, as well as the four to five inch Rapala and Rebel floaters. All of these lures have diving planes on the lip which helps them to get down. A basic rule of thumb for these lures is as follows: the longer lures in the four to six inch class will penetrate depths of one to six feet with the shorter versions penetrating the water depth of four feet.

With these lures, three methods of operation are employed.

Method 1. Where finning fish are seen on the surface, the slow to medium retrieve technique is employed. I cast as close to fish as possible and reel rapidly five to six cranks to get the lure down. When the lure is down, a slow to medium retrieve rate is used, stopping occasionally to let the lure float upwards five to ten inches. Slow to medium retrieve is again undertaken with eight to ten cranks, Again, the lure is stopped and allowed to rise up a few inches. A return to medium to slow retrieve, stopping the lure intermittently is repeated, until the lure reaches the boat. This procedure is repeated, preceded by a cast to the area suspected of having fish. If this procedure is not successful, I employ method Number 2.

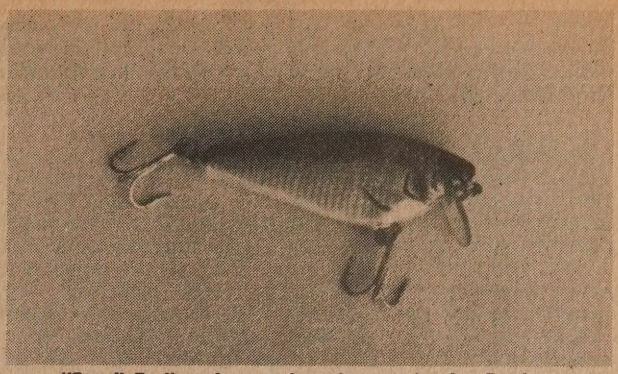
Method 2. This method is the rapid retrieve. After casting out a lure, it is retrieved in a wild cranking motion as fast as I can turn the reel handle. After ten to twelve cranks, I stop the bait allowing the Balsa Killer B or Rebel Minnow to float upwards five to ten inches. I then return to a wild retrieve of ten to twelve cranks, stopping again. This action is repeated until the lure reaches the boat. Weakfish and bass usually hit the lure as it starts to float upward on the stop or just as the retrieve motion is resumed.

Method 3. This method focuses upon the top of the water and involves popping the lure. After the cast, the lure is allowed to sit until all the rings dissipate in the water. I really pop it again, allowing rings to settle. I then start a very slow retrieve to just get the lure down under the water surface with eight to ten cranks. I then stop, allowing the lure to rise five to ten inches and resume slow retrieve. This procedure is repeated.

DIVING LURES.

Diving lures are lures with plastic diving planes attached to their noses. These lures work their way to the bottom as you retrieve. They are especially good in drains, tidal sluiceways, inlets and deep water holes which can be found off sand bars, shoal areas, and points of land that slant out towards very deep water and into rips. Diving lures such as those made by Bagley, Stan Gibbs, Creek Chub, Rebel, Mirrolures, Rapala and Cotton Cordell are cast out from shallow water into deep water and cranked fast to get the lure down deep. The retrieve is varied from fast to medium to slow once the lure has reach the desired depth; the boat can be anchored up over a choice spot or drifted over shallow water.

At times, stripers and weakfish want these diving lures cranked as fast as you can turn the reel handle until the lure gets back to the boat. There are times when you want to cast the diving lure, crank the lure down fast and then start a medium retrieve all the way



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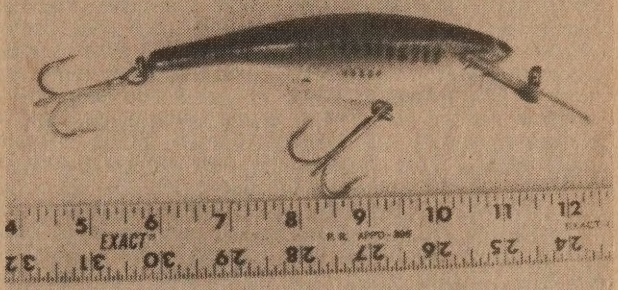
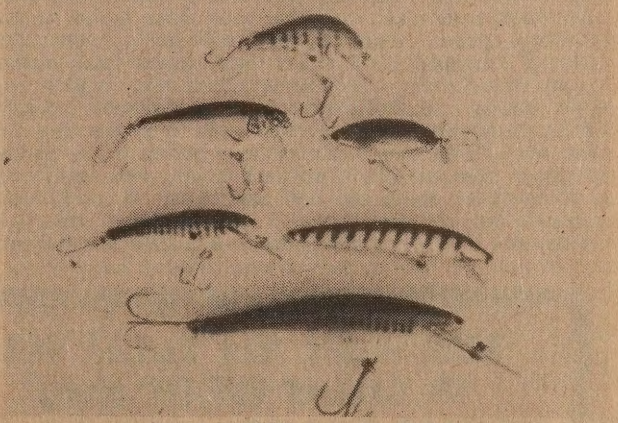


Diving lure with diving plane.



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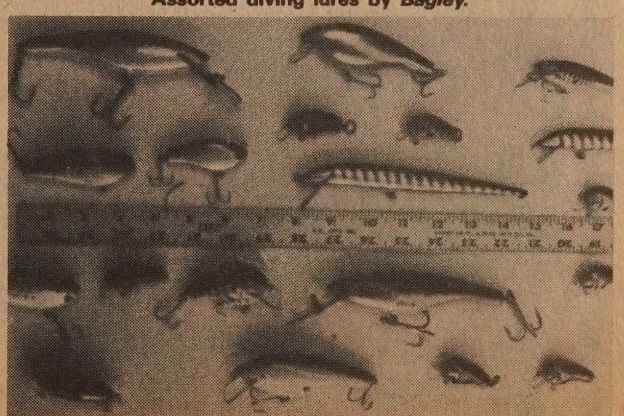

Large assortment of lures made from balso wood.

back to the boat. All of the previously mentioned retrieves can be varied even more by hesitation during the retrieve, allowing the diving lure to float upwards to the surface.

TROLLING DIVING LURES

Small Size Lures:

When trolling smaller diving lures in the one to three inch category, I use a Penn 940 Levelmatic reel on a short five-and-a-half foot bass chumming rod or a twenty pound class trolling rod which is five-and-a-half feet long. For trolling, I use Ande Tournament test line of the fifteen to twenty pound class. Extremely slow trolling speeds are employed, for there is considerable resistance when trolling diving lures at any depth. If you are insecure with fifteen to twenty pound test line, you can increase line strength to twenty-five or thirty pound test. Remember, however, that you are using small lures and do not want to spoil the fish pick-up with heavy line. Drag setting is never more than one-half the drag setting on the reel. I start my trolling right on the shore line of the bar or beach and run parallel to the bank no more than fifty feet distance from the bank. You can easily see why I use a thirteen-and-a-half foot Boston Whaler skiff for this type of operation. After I have covered a mile of shore line, I turn around, move out another fifty to one hundred feet, and troll back to the original starting point. Most of the balsa plugs come in different lengths. Remember: longer plugs descend more deeply; short plugs for the most part go shallow. It is important that you know the depth you are fishing in. For greater effectiveness, it is important that these diving plugs hit the bottom occasionally. None of these diving plugs are fished with swivels since swivels kill much of the lure action. This means that every so often you must check for line twist.

Large Size Diving Lures.

Lures in the five to eight inch, two-and-a-half ounce class are trolled at the working end of a thirty or forty pound trolling rod, headed with either a Penn 500 or Penn 4/0 reel. Ande thirty or forty pound test line, Tournament Grade, is spooled onto these reels. At low trolling speeds, especially with Bagley's eight inch Diving Bang-O-B (2.20 oz.) or Stan Gibbs three ounce, eight inch Trolling Swimmers, small sixty pound test ball bearing snap swivels are used to eliminate line curl. Trolling speeds will vary depending upon the fish you are after. Small tuna, albacore, and bonito thrive on fast trolling speeds. Weakfish and bass are really not interested in doing the 100 yard dash to catch your trolled lure. In the ocean it is imperative that you determine the approximate depth at which the fish are feeding. When I am fishing from my twenty foot Thunderbird skiff, I put out three rods and troll lures at three different depths. When I catch my fish, I note which rod and lure took the fish and re-rig my other two poles for this depth. One of the nice features of the deep diving, trolling plugs is that no drails are employed. Many of the previously mentioned lures with diving planes can reach depths of fifteen to twenty-five feet. These eight inch lures are fantastic for deep trolling albacore, bonito, striped bass, big weakfish, yellow and bluefin tuna. These lures can also be used as crank baits by casters and surf fishermen. One of the most productive methods which I use when I have unsuccessfully trolled over a school of closed-lipped fish is to stop, shut off my engine, pick up my spin pole, and rig it with a deep diving plug, and go into my STOP and GO routine. This involves reeling the bait down to the desired depth, pausing for a second, followed by a quick-jerk retrieve. This procedure is repeated all the way back to the boat. Most of my strikes have occurred just as the lure starts to swim to the surface. This STOP and GO procedure is repeated again and again after casting.

Another popular method you might try when you are stopped is the FAST, SLOW, FAST, SLOW method. This procedure produces the same erratic swimming action of a bait fish. The lure is cranked down to the desired depth, slowed to a crawl, and then the lure is given an upward sweeping motion as I slowly retrieve. The sweeping motion will increase the speed of the lure. This method produces many strikes, usually in the middle of the sweeping motion.

Adjustments to Lures with Diving Planes.

If your lure tries to climb to one side or the other, bend nose loop or loosen tuning button (screw) so that nose plane is bent slightly in the opposite direction from the direction of climb. All lures should be checked in the water alongside the boat for random climbing motion and needed adjustments. When a lure is set for trolling at a certain depth and trolling speed, you want the lure at that depth. Moderate sideways motion of lures at slow trolling speeds is okay. Too fast a sideways motion or wild "Disco Duck-ing" gyration on a vertical plane are just as ineffective in trolling or casting as no lure motion. Only experience with lures and boat speeds will really dictate specific adjustments to be made.

LURES THAT WON'T KEEP QUIET

At given times fish like lures which make noise. Matter of fact, at certain times noisy lures will drive certain species absolutely nuts. There are a variety of small lures in the one to three inch class made by

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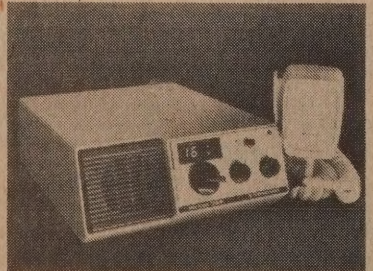

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Thomas Grell with a pair of big fluke caught on Fire Island fishing reef July, 1979.

Rapala, Bagley, Sea Wolfe, Creek Chub, and Mirrolure that are characterized by small spinners, propellers, and rotators which are placed either in front of the lure or in front of the rear hooks. These spinners work at the slightest movement. Most of the lures possessing spinners have long range casting ability. A lure which I particularly like for the Great South Bay is a torpedo-shaped, floating, two-and-a-half inch long, balsa wood lure made by Bagley Bait Company known as the Rat Fink. This lure has tremendously long range casting ability and can be retrieved in a variety of ways already described. The slow retrieve stays within two feet of the surface. With a diving plane rigged in its nose, it gets down to ten feet. It is ideally suited for fishing the shallows, as well as the tidal sluiceways and drains of the bay. When fish are in a buzzing mood, this is a killer lure. Wounded bait fish do make noise and it is on this premise that spinner and propeller lures function.

SURFACE LURES

When fish are on the surface and will not take deep diving plugs, you employ surface plugs such as Pencil Poppers, Casting Swimmers, Darters, Creek Chub Plunkers, Rebel Minnows, Bagley Bang-O lures, Rapala Floaters, Atom Floaters and Cordell Poppers. Remember, when you purchase balsa wood lures, you must specify **floaters** or **sinkers**. Floaters, when cast out, do just that—they float; but the speed of retrieve on these lures should be just fast enough to keep the lure underwater.

An excellent surface/sub-surface lure designed to run no more than one foot deep on retrieve is the Small Fry series by Bagley. These three-and-a-quarter inch super-shallow water divers are excellent for fishing over grass beds so typical of our East Coast back bay areas such as that of the Great South Bay.

In conclusion, introduce yourself to the world of light lures. Fish them with casting, spinning, spin casting, drifting, or trolling equipment. The variety of methods available to you are many. An entirely new world of fishing awaits you. Good fishing and the best of luck.

Two other types of runoffs should be described. One is that of a short run pick-up by a bass that only mouths the bait as it pulls out line only to drop the bait. When this occurs, do not crank in, but practice the **dropback** technique whereby you drop back additional line hoping that the bass will again pick up the dunked bunker.

The other type of runoff is that undertaken by an "alien" bluefish who is practicing amputation surgery upon your bunker. When you have this hit and reel in finding half a bunker, you will have to make a decision since the blues just woke up. As the day moves on, bluefish action will increase and weakfish and bass action will decrease. What do you do? Dunk bunker or fish for blues? You probably have lost prime time for bunker dunking and might well catch a few blues. At any rate, if bluefish are around they will continue to chop your bunkers in half until you have no more. This bluefish factor is probably the factor accounting for good striper fishing when it is dark. Plan your bunker dunking expeditions for very early in the morning hours. The earlier the better for bass and weaks.

Rule of thumb for runoffs.

When you hit the jackpot and Sam the Striper decides that your bunker is the bunker for him, he will usually very delicately mouth your bunker and swim away with it. This does not mean that he has swallowed it. Here is the moment of truth and the test for your patience. If you panic fast, you will stop the runoff, stop the reel, set the hook, rear back—and usually snap the bait right out of his trap. You didn't allow him sufficient time to swallow the bunker. What you must do is to slowly count to thirty or forty, sing a little song or say a little prayer—you name it. Give your fish a hundred feet of line or more. Do your counting, stop the spool, and when the line tightens, set the hook with a good jerk. Big weaks and bass swallow live bait head first. Apparently they need time to flip the bait around in their mouths or arrange everything so they don't choke.

When a runoff occurs, keep your cotton pickin' hands off the reel. Allow the striper or weakfish free rein on your line. If resistance is felt by the fish, he will become paranoid, probably think that someone is after him and will spit out the bunker. Keep your rod tip low and point it at the fish. You will know quickly if he or she is "on" or "off." If "on," enjoy bringing him alongside the boat for gaffing. Don't "horse" the fish or try to break a world record from time of hooking to time of gaffing. When you catch a striper this way, it is usually of respectable size, as are the weakfish. After all, it takes a pretty good sized weak or striper to eat some of the larger bunker employed in bunker dunking. When you score this way it will be hard to return to jigging and trolling.

Nothing really comes easy in the ecological world and bunker dunking is too easy an activity, mastered by too many anglers not to have detrimental effects and limitations. There is really nothing wrong with the method. It is what the method has resulted in that presents the problem. Too many fish are caught this way.

If you decide to employ this approach in angling practice a little conservation. Catch a couple of biggies to eat, take a couple of pictures for your ego, weigh them in if you need proof for your fishing club, and then go home satisfied. **This** is the most difficult part of bunker dunking or live-lining. DON'T BE A FISH HOG. If you are into fish practicing this, philosophy **will seem impossible.** Just remember that the Indians of North America practiced conservation without knowing what the word meant. They did know, however, that there was an end to all good things—whether it be fish catching or shooting buffalo. To top it off, there wasn't the human population and fishing pressure that there is today upon any species of fish.

Heavy Action On ULTRA-LIGHT

by Martin & Janet Garrell

Late last summer on the North Fork, we found ourselves in one of those situations which most fishermen dream about. A school of bluefish showed on top off Truman's Beach one afternoon, and except for the wheeling birds there was nobody else around! Here, indeed, was a golden opportunity to try for blues on ultra-light tackle—something we had always wanted to do.

After taking a couple of fish with Rebels on six pound test outfits and determining that the blues were eating-sized fish between two and four pounds, we broke out the tiny spinning outfit which we normally use on porgies and flounder and tied a short wire trace and a quarter ounce bucktail onto the business end of a 2.5 pound test line. An obliging blue, chasing some spearing, boiled near the boat; the little feather dropped on target, and the hookup came immediately.

We were amazed at the ease and speed with which the fish ripped off more than one hundred yards of thread before pausing to size up the situation. The blue required much more pressure than we usually put on the little rig, but it finally turned, and line began building slowly on the spool with every short pump of the rod. After twenty minutes of tackle-testing give-and-take, the exhausted fish was worked back to the boat and into the waiting net. Ultra-light tackle had once again demonstrated that it was capable of whipping some of the strongest and fastest fish around.

A. J. McClane, in his **Standard Fishing Encyclopedia,** defines ultra-light spinning tackle to include "lines of less than three pound test and rods of less than three ounces"—tackle that results in exciting challenges and tremendous fish catching efficiency when the targets include the many smaller fish that frequent Long Island waters.

Putting together an ultra-light outfit is not difficult, but it takes some care. Ultra-light reels are chosen for a smooth drag, and many of the reliable models with the best drags have been marketed for ten years or more.

An ultra-light outfit like this one can add lots of enjoyment to the catching of small surface scrappers such as mackerel, weakfish and tailor blues.

These include the Quick Microlite 110, the Shakespeare 2800 and 2500, the Mitchell 307, the Penn 716, the Zebco Cardinal 3, and the Alcedo Micron. Daiwa and Ryobi brought out several competitive ultra-light models in the mid-Seventies as well. No matter which of these open-faced reels one chooses, it will benefit from removal of the small spring-and-ratchet combinations which are designed to give an audible "click" to inform the angler that his fish is making a run. In the first place, no one needs to be told when a fish is running on ultra-light(!), and in the second, a sticky ratchet adversely affects the smoothness of the drag on a quickly moving fish. Line capacity isn't all that important because, even though all ultra-light reels hold three hundred yards or more of three pound line, surface tension or water drag will cause most thread lines to pop on any sort of run beyond the two hundred yard mark. The line ought to come right up to the front rim of any reel to ensure ease of casting however.

Light rods in five to six foot lengths can be chosen off the shelves of many sporting goods stores, provided the angler looks through the freshwater trout and panfish section. Unfortunately, most manufacturers supply only chrome steel guides on their smallest rods, and such guides groove in a very short time when saltwater speedsters send monofilament whistling over the surfaces. So the ultra-light angler must either take the shelf rod and find himself replacing guides within a season or two, or else put in the time at the outset winding a blank with top quality carbide or ceramic guides. The last ultra-light rod we built was fashioned on a blank we found at Wanser's in Seaford; but most big Long Island dealers, like the Sea Isle in Freeport, Altenkirch in Hampton Bays or Warren's in Aquebogue, have a short "noodle" or two tucked away in their stocks. Just ask them if they recently chopped a twelve foot blank in half to make a six foot boat rod. The discarded tip might be perfect.

An ultra-light angler must make adjustments in rigging terminal tackle. Many anglers favor use of a "bumper" of six to ten pound test which is knotted via a blood knot or uni-knot to the business end of the thread line and serves to take both the shock of a heavy strike and the wear and tear of a long battle. Lures, low-hook rigs, high-low rigs, or any other common bottom rigs are then tied to the bumpers via swivels or knots, but the story doesn't end there.

Unless the ultra-light angler fashions his rigs with small, sharp hooks or sharpens large hooks with painstaking care, he will encounter a lot of fish that simply "come unstuck" a moment or two after the strike. The stretch of a thread line is so extraordinary that a hook much above a #8 cannot be driven home; it has to be worked in gradually during the fish's struggle. Consequently, the larger the hook, the sharper it must be so that the angler gets that vital little bit of penetration on the initial strike.

For a long while, we tried using single hooks on bait rigs because we were shy of risking the tackle on double-headers. Sadly, we found that one bait never seemed to be as attractive to milling groups of bottom feeders as two morsels were. Now we've gone back to

standard rigs, and we've learned to sweat out the double-headers when they occur. Choice of sinkers is important, too. One ounce for every pound test of line is just about the limit on most monofilaments. Beyond that, the line gets stretched to such an extent that nibbles or soft strikes don't register well—especially in deep water. Ultra-light gives the angler only a small advantage over "light tackle" when it comes to shaving ounces off sinkers in the same fishing situation. If your buddy with six pound test needs two ounces to hold bottom, and you've spooled two pound line, you might be able to get down with one-and-a-half ounces—but one-and-three-quarters will probably be better.

The real fun in ultra-light angling comes from playing fish: many species which otherwise seem rather dull, suddenly become scrappy; and strong, fast fish become awesome. Pumping a fish must be a gradual affair—almost coaxing or pleading, with light drag settings (sometimes only enough drag to prevent spool overruns) and fingers playing against the reel spool as the fish is lifted. Fish that can be persuaded to turn and swim toward the angler are ideal for ultra-light work—no matter how fast, how long, or how strong the initial run. For that reason, Boston mackerel and small weakfish are tops among surface speedsters. Other sport fish, those that require stretching a thread line dangerously close to its elastic limit in order to turn the critters, are much tougher. We certainly found chopper blues to be that way, and school bass might be even tougher.

A friend of ours, Freddy Fayal, ran a livery across the Sound in Stonington, Connecticut, throughout the Sixties and early Seventies, and he spent two summers chasing down an International Spin Fishing Association record for striped bass on two pound test. He usually fished with a Berkeley line rated at 1.8 pounds because the average breaking strength of the line in ten tests had to be under two pounds to satisfy ISFA standards.

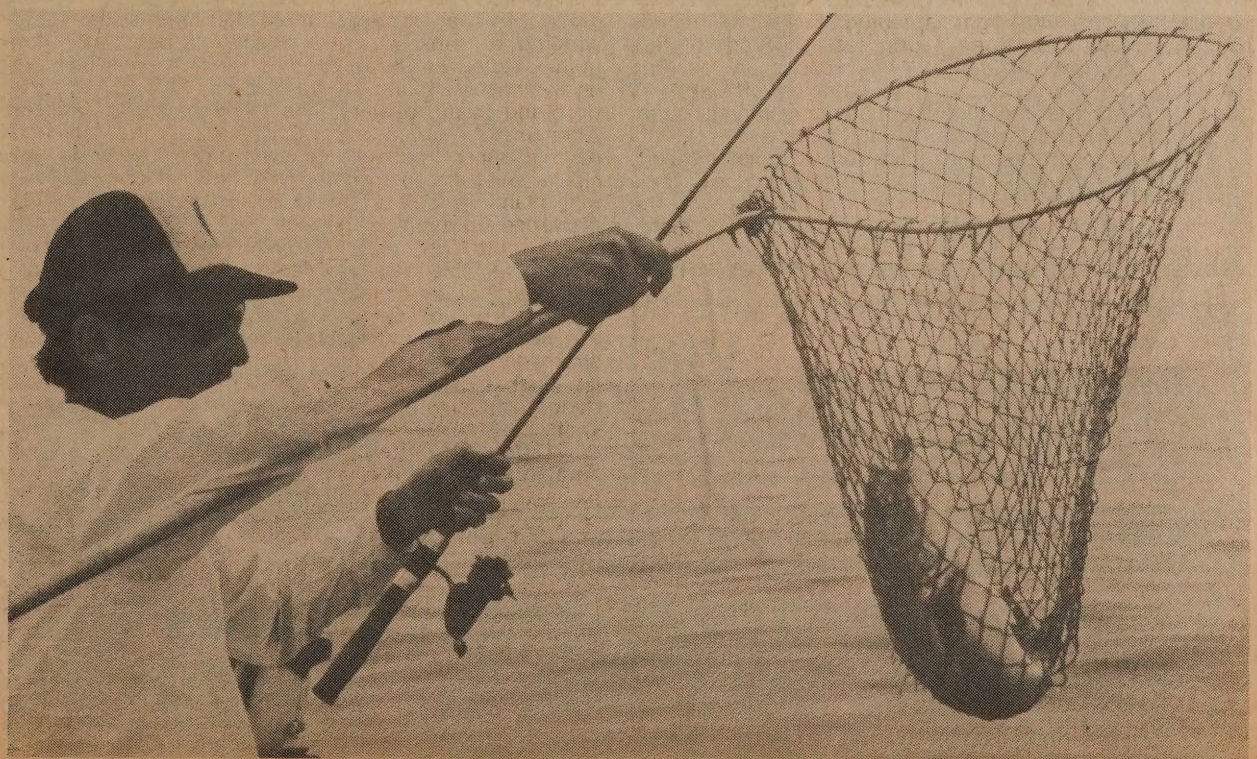
Night after night, he'd tie into schoolies that would outfox him, run out into the deeper water of the harbor, and slug it out for an hour or more until the line would waterlog, weaken, and part. Finally, Freddy managed to stay with a 6 lb. 2 oz. fish that held the ISFA record for a couple of years. Incidentally, Freddy has stuck pretty much to ten and twenty pound gear ever since, and his old ISFA two pound record has been beaten by several fish twice that size or better. Unfortunately, most of these bass have been taken from very shallow waters where swimming fish can be pursued by the boat until a gaff or net is brought into play.

A far less esoteric game than bass fishing can be played by the ultra-light fisherman with meat-and-potatoes inshore species like porgies and flounders. Here the results can be dramatically successful. Given a light current, water that's not too deep, and a bottom that's not badly cluttered, the ultra-light fisherman will do as well or better than anyone else using any other tackle, because he can feel and react to "nibbles" so well.

During 1979, we stayed with ultra-light, using lines testing under three pounds, throughout the spring flounder season and a summertime of porgy angling. We took a number of fish in the pound to pound-and-a-half class, and our very best fish was a fat blackback that went just a little over two pounds. None of these scrappers took more than five minutes to coax aboard, even though the time interval often seemed much longer—especially when the larger panfish required a good deal of coaxing to turn them upward.

By now the reader may have noticed that we've ignored the bucktoothed blackfish in our ultra-light discussion. There is good reason for this because we've had our hands full with blackfish in our area using six pound tackle, thanks to the rocky hidey-holes in which they live. It's hard to count on small blacks alone because big blackfish have the interesting habit of popping up quite frequently among groups of two to three pounders. A tautog of five pounds or better would really have the ultra-light angler at its mercy. We've heard a few stories of hour-long fights with big blacks taken on four pound lines (most of which actually test four to six pounds), but we've never heard of any ultra-light trophy blacks. If the ultra-light angler really wants a challenge, there it is!

Whether one regards ultra-light angling as challenging one's fishing skills or as a more exciting way to put saltwater panfish in the boat, it will eliminate a lot of ho-hum days on the water. Using tiny reels, wand-like rods, and thread lines testing three pounds or less, the Long Island fisherman may find that heavy action on ultra-light tackle is just what he's looking for.



A four-pound bluefish, taken on ultra-light, proved to be our toughest fish of the 1979 season.

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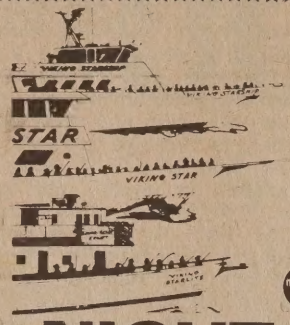

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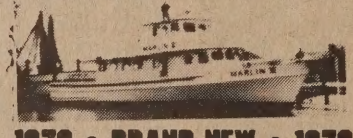

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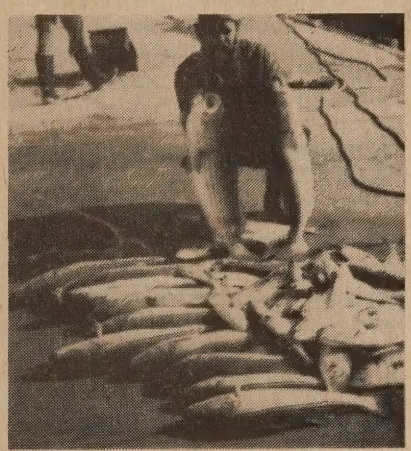

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Captain Bud Dorman of the **Viking Skipper II** reported that he has been fishing the Midway Rips and Block Island area, both of which are producing plenty of porgies with sea bass mixed in. Captain Bud said that starting on Monday, October 29 the boat will be sailing open at 6AM daily and will be diamond jigging for striped bass, bluefish and weakfish. Captain Bud says experience in working a jig catches big bass. A few years ago, one angler aboard the boat took a 50 lb. cow, the record for a bass taken on an open boat.

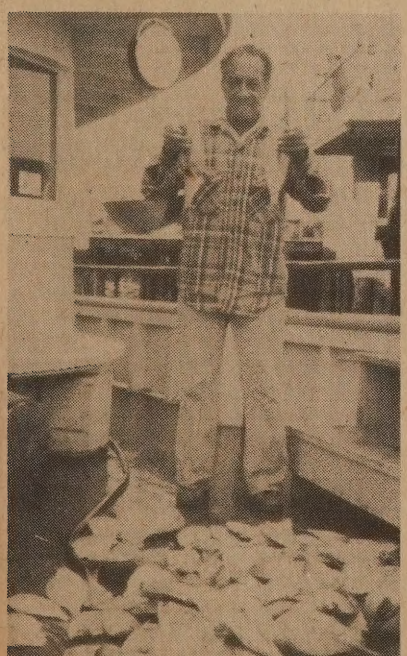
Jay Zeolkowski of Connecticut and friends with some of the 10 bass that were caught on an afternoon charter last Tuesday aboard Capt. Phil Lewis' charter boat "Adios" at Montauk.

Seven striped bass up to 30 lbs. and a mess of small blues caught by Ralph, Jim and Paul aboard John DeMaio's *Vivienne*.

Captain Paul Forsberg of the **Viking Fishing Fleet** reported that bluefish still excellent at Cartwright and the porgy fishing is phenomenal around Block Island. Codfishing has been quite good fishing the Block Island wrecks and ledges and it should be a good fall.

Captain Warren Hader of the charter boat **Devilfish** reported that the bass fishing was excellent last week when there was a break in the weather, but the action slowed considerably on the weekend and it was only a slow pick. There was a lot of boat traffic on Saturday and Sunday that was the probable cause of this, because there still seems to be a large body of fish in the area.

Captain Phil Lewis of the charter boat **Adios** reported taking 10-12 bass a trip during all of his trips last week, trolling tubes, but said that it was a tough pick on the weekend due to the small boat traffic that prevented the charter boats from making a good pass at the fish. Bass are being taken all over: Great



Felix Bower with a catch of 103 big porgies taken on a recent trip aboard the "Viking Starlite."

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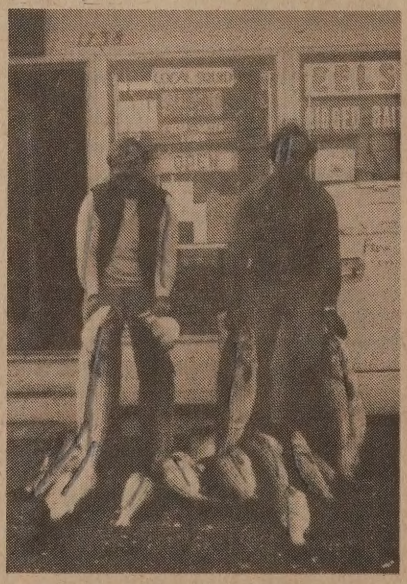
Captain Ron of the charter boat **Julie III** and party led by Tony Pannunzio from the NYCPD caught 225 small blues from 3-6 lbs. and 4 weaks up to 10 lbs. on Friday off the Point. Saturday's charter for Ted Golatz and party mohawked 80 big Cartwright blues up to 18½ lbs. Sunday's party led by Jim Nolan bagged another 50 big Cartwright blues up to 17½ lbs., plus 26 big weaks up to 10½ lbs., which were taken off the Point.

Captain Jack Passie of the charter boat **Windy** called to say early weakfishing was good with 17 bass on Tuesday. Friday was the lowest catch with 4 bass taken. Weekend charters had blues and weaks. The boat has been trolling umbrellas and diamond jigging at the Elbow and Jack says there are plenty of blues still around.

Captain Richie Rade's **Marlin IV** is still fishing porgies and sea bass everyday with some blackfish mixed in at Block Island. Richie says weekend catches were excellent, with fares filling one to two burlap bags. The **Marlin V** is fishing blues and stripers every day and night locally. Saturday night had 26 fares walking off with 350 fish for a super catch. The blues are terrific everyday, says Richie.

Captain Mike of the charter boat **Montauk** tells us that last week was the best run of bass for the season, fishing ranging from 15-40 lbs. Tuesday was the best day with 23 stripers taken in the area of Great Eastern. Still quite a few weakfish and loads of big blues at Cartwright.

Captain Gary Kiefer of the charter boat **Barracuda** reports excellent fishing over the weekend for bass, blues and weaks. Saturday's charter had 5 bass in the 20-30 lb. range, 8 weaks from 8-9 lbs. and 54 blues, all in the North Rips trolling umbrellas. The charter boat **Feeling Free** also had 10 bass between 25-33 lbs. and also a mess of blues fishing the same area with a charter Saturday.



Ralph DeRosa and Dom Siano with 13 stripers taken at Montauk aboard the charter boat "Hurry Up." Photo courtesy of Speck's Bait and Tackle.

SOUTH FORK

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MIXED BAG

SHINNECOCK

Thom at **Speck's Bait & Tackle** checked over a nice catch of flounder up to 1¼ lbs. made at the Nationals over the weekend. He also mentioned Towd Point as a worthwhile flounder spot although most of the fish are still on the small side. Best bait for the flatties have been clams and worms. Thom described the blackfishing at Robin's Island as steady although several days of warm temperatures seem to slow the fishing somewhat.

The Captain Clark Boats report the blackfishing has fallen off considerably on the wrecks in Peconic Bay with a lot of small fish being taken. The **Captain Clark II** will be fishing offshore on the ocean wrecks this coming Saturday and Sunday for sea bass, blackfish and porgies. This past Saturday's trip offshore proved good despite the dense fog. There were plenty of good sized fish taken. The boat will be fishing the ocean wrecks during the week also, weather permitting.

MORICHES BAY

Skidmore's Fishing Station had some nice catches to report. On Thursday, Lenny Wolek, Frank Hetrick and John Stellingwerf returned with over 100 flounder and 3½ dozen crabs from the Buoy 50-54 area. On Friday, John Remini singlehandedly landed 120 flounder at buoy 54. Two fine catches were made on Sunday. Jules Palladino and Mike Wallin returned with over 200 blueclaws as well as 30 flounder taken at buoy 44. John and Barbara Kopp, Mary Riccardi and Greg Piechocki landed 164 flounder at buoy 54. All the flounder catches were made on worms and it appears that the fish are already working west towards the station. Most of the flatties average ¾ to 1½ lbs. with an occasional 2 pounder mixed in.

Chet at **B&B Tackle** reports a zillion or more flounder out there in the Bay, not big but thick. Several customers came in with a hundred or so keeper fish. Good fishing from the shore and docks also for flounder on the appropriate tides. Boats have been doing best between buoys 40-44, along with other areas, such as the hole in Forge River. Some tommycod around also, flounder responding best to worm, clam and mussel chum. Crabs in the channels, in traps or on baited lines. Some excellent bluefishing along the beach for trollers. The Oregon Wreck in 115' of water has been yielding monster blues in the 16-18 lb. range as late as Friday. Chet asked us to announce that phase II of the Moriches Inlet Stabilization Committee will be having a crucial meeting October 25 at 8PM at the Center Moriches High School and it is very important that you attend.

L&M Marine tells us that Bill Sosnicki fishing by himself had 147 keeper flounder up to 1¼ lbs. this weekend.

Another customer, Tom LaCarrubba and John Nepson averaged 100 keeper flounder per day for 3 days. The Klemark family had 200 lbs. of mixed tommycod and flounder fishing Buoy 7A. Overall, flounder fishing has been very good. Most fish aren't very big but they're fat and there's plenty of 'em.

Bill DeLuca from **East Moriches Bait and Tackle** reports Al Lubbers and his wife Marilyn and friend Tony Pidgeon fishing by buoy 7A got 86 tommycod and 148 flounder using blood and sand worms and clams. Rudy Hinrichs fishing Seatuck Cove had 77 flounder using bloodworms. Four of the fish went 1½ lbs. John DiPasquale fishing with buddies Walter Szalankiewicz, Joe MacNamara, and David DeCastro had 72 blues, all 3-5 lb. range, fishing 80' of water south of Moriches.

HAMPTON BAYS

Altenkirch Bait & Tackle reported that some bass and blues are being taken on live bait and trolled in the Inlet. Flounder fishing was described as good in both the Bay and Canal with small but fat fish predominating in the latter location. A few blacks being taken at the Inlet jetties.

Corr's Fishing Station tells us flounder fishing is really great. Saturday and Sunday, two men in one boat had 185 flounder and all the other skiffs brought in a minimum of 50 keepers per boat, flounder running from 1¼-2 lbs. with the biggest being caught in the basket area on worms and mussel chum.

This group of anglers headed by Dave Weiss returned to the L&M Marine Fishing Station with 231 keeper flounders up to 1¼ lbs. The catch was made in Seatuck Cove on worms and clams.

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EAST ISLIP

Wally at **Buoy 2 Sport Shop** knew that Walter Kuszekwicz ran off to 85' of water south of Atlantique to put 37 blues up to 17½ lbs. aboard his boat the "My Thing". Some flounders in the Bay but the flatfishing still has plenty of room for improvement.

John Kopp and Greg Piechocki with 164 flounder taken at buoy 54 on bloodworms. Photo courtesy of Skidmore's Fishing Station.

BAY SHORE

Captain Neil of the **Casey Lee** reports flounder arrived during the week in good numbers. Wednesday and Friday were excellent, with 15-30 keeper flounder per man. Catches were off on the weekend due to extremely heavy boat traffic. Fish have been running small to medium size in the deeper holes, with worm and clam best. Neil says the fish should be up in the bay any day now.

Smokey's Bait and Tackle reports blackfishing still a good item at the Kismet Reef on fiddlers and greens. Flounder in the State Channel and at the Babylon Cut, small but improving in size. A few stripers on the inside, west of the bridge to the inlet on plugs in the early morning hours and at night. Some bass also being caught off the surf at Democrat Point on live eels, with a few blues mixed in. Blues outside with some bonito and albies mixed in off Patchogue. Local crabbing very good.

CAPTREE

Capt. Speedy Hubert of the Speedy VI described the bluefishing south of Patchogue as an absolute slaughter all week. Over the weekend fishing slumped somewhat but anglers still returned to the dock with good catches. On Saturday the pool was taken by D. Campanelly. His huge chopper tipped the scale at 20 lbs. All of the action has been on jigs. Speedy asked us to inform readers that he will now be on the day run only with the possible exception of this weekend. Give Speedy a call if you are planning an evening bluefish trip this weekend.

The **Capt. Joseph Fleet** has been enjoying good flounder fishing at Gilgo. Most of the best action is during the week and here again action slowed over the weekend. Eventually enough fish were taken at the Oak Beach Lead to send fares home with respectable catches. All of the action is on worms and clams and most of the flatties are small to medium size fish.

Capt. Carl Bower of the **Capt. Whittaker** has been spending one half day with the flounders and the remainder of the day with blackfish. Lots of blacks coming over the rail although they are on the small side. Pool fish is usually 4 to 5 lbs. Carl has been sticking to a couple of his bay wrecks and using clams and fiddler crabs. Some good flounder fishing in the Oak Beach Lead over the weekend. Fish up to a pound in size on worms and clams.

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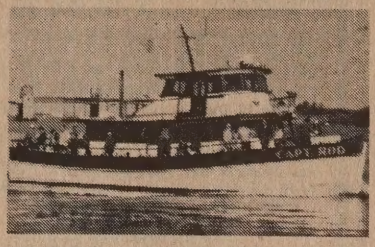

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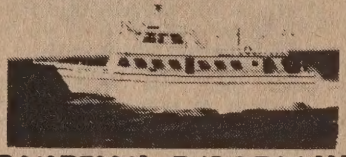

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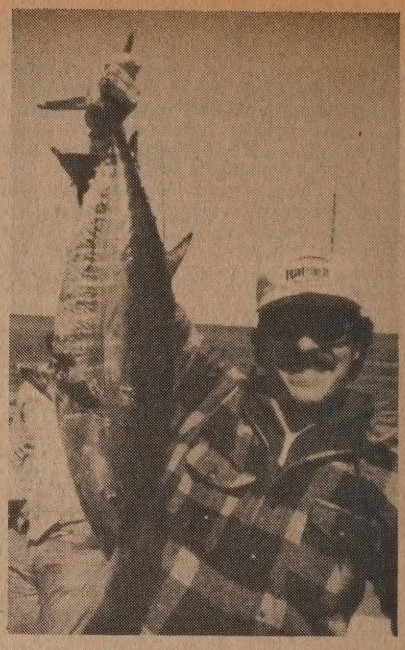

John Raguso, President of JNR Rods, displays a pool winning 23 lb. bluefin tuna that he landed aboard the Captree open boat, "Speedy VI."

Charter boat **Lady Ann** reports blues were fantastic on Saturday's day trip, with catches of 20-40 choppers per man, all on jigs. This was at Patchogue Outer Banks. One man and his wife filled 8 burlap bags with blues from 4-12 lbs. The night trip was a delicate pick on bait for blues. Sunday's flounder charter saw a fair catch of 97 keeper fish, working the State Channel. Flounder have been running small to medium.

The **Captain Richie** reports flounder fishing very good to the tune of 25-30 keepers per man. Catches are very good every day and everyone has fun. Richie is enthusiastic about a great fall flounder season. He's been working the State Channel and pet areas of the Great South Bay. Carl Weissflog of Babylon was high hook Sunday with 47 flounder. Quantity is there, and Richie reminds you that he sails 7AM sharp everyday.

BABYLON

Augie's Bait and Tackle reports LOTS of blues of all sizes to be had. The further out you go, the larger they get. Two to five pound blues are being trolled off the Lighthouse from ocean Beach to the Inlet in 40'-50' of water on umbrellas. Bob Langro and Stan Rasmussen of N. Babylon diamond jigged 15 blues to 13¼ lbs. on Saturday, with a lot of dogfish in evidence. There were no doggies around on Sunday. Blues being jigged in 90'-100' of water off Ocean Beach and Patchogue. Green or white split bananas are also taking their toll. Flounders have been very good as to quantities with fish up to 1¼ lbs. Catches averaging 15-20 keepers per man with best action at Bergen Point, off the swimming pool and in the State Channel between Lindenhurst and Gilgo. Blackfishing has fallen off a bit.

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FLOUNDER

LINDENHURST

Charlie's Bait and Tackle tells of tons of blues still offshore from 140 to 165° out of Fl Inlet in 70'-80' of water, fish 12 lbs. and up. Carl Crist had 2 blue shark, landing one and dropping the other plus loads of these big blues, all on chunk bait. Hordes of flounder from East Fox Creek to Massapequa. Action has been slower from the Babylon cut east. Blacks on the artificial reef on fiddlers and greenies. Crabs and snappers gone locally. Some striped bass from the hole in front of the lighthouse to the Coast Guard station and also at the construction dock. Small live blackfish, eels and bunker are best. John says there are bass around and they're on the move. Catches should be picking up greatly. Joey G. and assorted pals have been live-lining bass. Joe had a 21 and a 28 lber. in some of his local haunts. Larry Frank has been doing well live-lining bass at the Elbow in Moriches.

SEAFORD

Pop's Fishing Station reported that in general the fishing has been good, with flounders wall to wall. However, the number of keeps is about one out of every four fish caught. The fish are getting larger each week. Blacks are quite predominant at the 3rd Wantagh and blueclaws have been reported all over the bay, the 2nd and 3rd bridges and Massapequa Cove. They're even being caught on flounder rigs. Pop's will remain open everyday until Thanksgiving. Thereafter, he will be open on weekends only until the canal ices over.

Uncle Hermie's Fishing Station reports all of his boats came back with good catches of flounder ranging from 10-40 keepers a boat. Largest fish of the weekend was a 1¾ lber. caught by Richie Petersen and Jeff Fannon of Richmond Hills and Seaford. Best fishing has been around Squaw Island and the Massapequa area. Lots of nice sized blueclaws were also caught on hook and line.

Captain Eddie's Fishing Station reports 30-50 keeper flounder per rental skiff. One out of four fish caught is a keeper. Best areas have been Massapequa Cove, Great Island Channel and both sides of the Wantagh Bridges on worms and clam chum. Fair to good blackfishing at the bridge pilings on fiddler or clam. Plenty of blueclaw crabs in the deep holes. Mike Somers of Port Washington had 35 keepers from 1-1½ lbs. fishing Massapequa Cove. A couple of kingfish were taken from Massapequa Cove in the 20'' class.

MERRICK

Scott at **Merrick Tackle** in Bellmore tells us that Dr. Jarrow of N. Merrick jigged up the pool winner Friday on the **Capt. Scotty** out of Captree. This was an 18 lb. 14 oz. chopper blue and it won, in addition to the pool, an LIF Skillful Angler Award. Lots of blues at Cholera, including many upper teen sized fish. Black and red tubed umbrellas are scoring very well. There are bonito and albies mixed in. Some blacks at the Meadowbrook Bridge on fiddlers. Flounders small, but plentiful at Merrick Point. Scott and Jack had 35 keeper flounder Thursday.

LIF staffer Stu Mill fishing with the infamous G. Korn. Flounders were picked away at slightly to the southwest of Merrick Point with the resulting 34 keepers Saturday, with at least double that returned to the water.

Jimmy at **Nick's Fishing Station** reports flounder catches are excellent,

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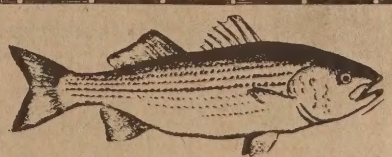

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but most of the fish still remain small. There have been a few big fish caught however, with enough 3/4 lb. fish to make it worthwhile. The bent pole and Merrick Point have been two productive areas. A 40 lb. striper was taken by Rich Silber on his boat My Woman off Lido in 30' of water. On the rod was Allen Walker of Merrick. This was taken on a Lupo Baby Bunker Spoon. They also had 6 blues to 10 lbs. in the same vicinity. George Zipper had 5 bass to 38 lbs. this week on live bunker, fishing the Meadowbrook Bridge, construction dock and in front of the Short Beach CG station.

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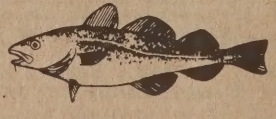

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BALDWIN

Arthur Street Fishing Station tells us on Wednesday, Dr. Stu Bernstein had blues at Cholera on bunker chunks, while Dr. Marty Greenspan threw the chum. They filled the fish box with no problem. Sunday, John Ritchie and crew had big blues south of Cholera on umbrellas. Andy Schuller and Dad had 44 flounder fishing Baldwin Bay on worms.

FREEPORT

The Starstream II reports a really good week on blues. It was a slaughter on jigs at Cholera most of this week and weekend. Friday and Saturday, it was bit bait and jigs. Fish have been mixed sizes up to 16 lbs. The boat has been working Cholera all week and they're getting loads of fish.

The **Captain Al** reports 150-200 blues a day at Cholera. Saturday was poor and Sunday the fish really let loose in mid-afternoon, all on bait. Fish have been in the 6-12 lb. range. Night trips have been fair on the Fri. and Sat. night trips, roughly 100 fish per night. The dogfish are gone.

The **Capt. Bill** has been enjoying excellent flounder activity all week, with enough keepers to keep it interesting.

The **Capt. Lou III** reports excellent flounder action daily, high hook always ranging in the 60s. Friday, regular Mike Feyer had 97 keeper flounder. Nick and Jerry Dotoratos, also regulars, had 120 keepers. On Saturday, Ed Yeznack and John DeRosa of Valley Stream bagged 124 keepers. Big catches are made everyday. Largest flounder of the week ran 1¾ lbs. The general run of fish is

Dutch, Paul and Gene show off three yellowfin tuna taken at the Canyon aboard the charter boat "Shalidon." The three fish averaged 75 lbs.

getting larger and catches should be very good well into December.

Captain Tony of the **Miss Freeport II** reports excellent flounder fishing, all extremely local. Catches are 30 plus keepers per man, with fish getting bigger every week.

The **Bluefin Fleet** reports on Saturday, the **Bluefin** with Capt. Tony DeLernia at the wheel fished local offshore wrecks and blackfish were caught up to 5 lbs., along with a good number of porgies up to 1 lb. On Sunday, the **Bluefin II** with Capt. Sy Karlin at the helm fished SE of Jones and loaded up on blues to 15 lbs. for the Hudson Bay Fishing Club of Freeport. High hook was 15 fish. Blues averaged 7-12½ lbs., all taken on Ava split bananas and Ava jigs. Color made no difference. Sy asked us to let you know that next season he will have 2, 60' charter boats available starting in March. Presently there are 3 open weekend dates for cod.

Norseman II on Sunday fished 165° out of Jones in 100' of water and hooked up with blues in the 15-16 lb. range on jigs and on bait.

Mark's Bait and Tackle says flounder are the big item locally at the Wantagh Bridge and Zachs Bay, with Baldwin Bay producing the largest flounder with corn chum a necessity. Sand worms on the hook are working extremely well says Mark. Some bass have been taken on the inside behind West End on plugs. A 38 lb. striper fell to a Lupo Baby Bunker Spoon for one angler trolling off Lido this weekend.

Anthony's Fishing Station reports loads of flounder caught over the weekend. All their boats fished in Merrick Bay. One boat had 110 keepers midweek. The boats are averaging 50-60 keepers per. Most are small but there are a few nice sized fish mixed in on blood and sand worms, clam and mussel chum.

Charvin Fishing Station reports Cholera and south of Cholera have been producing blues all week and weekend. Captain Bob Catroppe on the charter boat Pisces Friday had 55 blues to 19½ lbs., fishing on the bottom with Montauk rigs. The boat Oh Johnny, managed 35 blues fishing south of Cholera on bait and chum. Plenty of flounder around locally, about one-fourth keepers. A few bass trolled Thursday and Friday just east of the Jones jetty. This was on umbrellas for 6-8 lb. fish. Blackfish at the T wreck and the bridges.

POINT LOOKOUT

From **Scotty's Fishing Station** we were told of lots of flounder in the Channel and at Buoy 14. The flatties are much improved in size over recent days. Good blackfishing at the Bridge and the T Wreck on fiddlers and green crabs and bluefish being trolled on umbrella rigs at the Cholera Banks.

Ed's Fishing Station tells us flounder fishing improved this weekend, both in quantity and quality. Swift Creek, State Channel and Reynolds Channel from buoys 16-19 produced good catches. Gary Roth of Freeport, Warren Herney from Belmore, Tom Mounsey from Coram and Al from Levittown had 110 flounders at the Lido Beach Golf Course. Blackfishing also very good at the bridges on green crabs and fiddlers.

ISLAND PARK

Charlie Beckmann reported from his tackle shop that John Beradash and Linda Johnson fishing aboard John's

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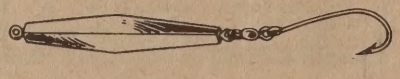

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The gang from Alport Plumbing with a nice catch of blues and weaks, taken on the "Kim" and the "Manlena" at Sandy Hook.

boat the "Do-Di-Li" teamed up to take a 30 lb. striper Saturday afternoon in 30' of water off of Jones Beach. Their first bass ever fell for a trolled Lupo baby bunker spoon. Charlie described the flounder fishing in the back bays and creeks as excellent. Some boats returned with 80 to 100 nice size flatties over the weekend. Blackfishing continues real fine at the Bridges and wrecks on fiddlers and green crabs.

The Commodore reports great numbers of flounder around. Catches of 30-50 keepers a man was the average both Saturday and Sunday. Fish are around a half lb. in size, with an occasional 1¼ lber. taking the pool. Lots of action. Capt. Clem has been working Reynolds Channel on clam and worm. Clem says the good weather and good fishing makes an unbeatable combination and there's no trick to getting 30 keepers even for inexperienced anglers.

LONG BEACH

Long Beach Sports Marina reports lots of flounders being taken on worms and clams. The size of the fish improves daily with more and more bigger fish mixed in. Of the Cholera blues, Tom knew that Jessie Salem returned with 18 choppers in the 6 to 10 lb. class on Saturday.

Skippy's Bait and Tackle also reports very good flounder catches, but reminds you to throw the small ones back. From the Long Beach bridge to the Atlantic Beach Bridge, flounder are all over. Worms and clam are working best. Blacks took a nosedive on Sunday a bit. Good catches of blues being chummed in 90' of water due south of Jones. The blueclaws are moving into deep water now.

SHEEPSHEAD BAY

Sal at **Stella Maris Tackle** reports the fleet is doing well on bluefish using jigs at the Tin Can and 17, fish 5-14 lbs. Flounders starting in the Cross Bay Bridge area, in Jamaica Bay and from the jetties. Nice blackfish catches from all the jetties, pilings and at all rocks. A few weakfish on worms and clam at the Tin Can, with a few bass mixed in. A few porgies off the jetties, Marine Parkway Bridge and off the Coney Island Pier.

Captain Jim of the **Amberjack V** reports that he will be continually running his offshore virgin wreck trips on Wednesdays and Fridays. He's been catching jumbo sea bass in the 8-9 lb. range and also huge cod and pollack. This is roughly 90 miles from the dock.

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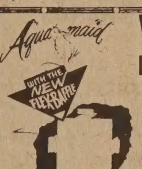

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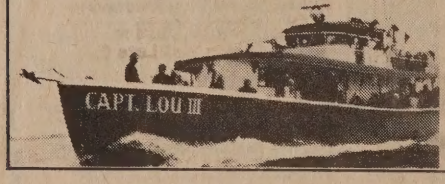

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The **Dorothy B** reported excellent blackfishing during the week, fish up to 6 lbs. taking green crabs at local wrecks. On the weekend, the boat enjoyed good blackfishing, along with catches of nice size porgies taken at offshore wrecks. These fish hit clam bait.

The **Pilot II** had super blackfishing all week at Seabright and off the Jersey Coast. Pool fish have been running to 10 lbs.; most fish ranged from 2-4 lbs. Fish have been hitting green crab baits. Some porgies have been mixed in with catches that are filling 5-gallon pails. Anglers catches are going from 10-35 fish per person.

The **Zephyr** reported good blackfishing on Saturday off of Seabright. Fishing offshore wrecks has been producing 4-6 blackfish on green crabs. Some sea bass and porgies are mixed in with catches. On Sunday, the boat fished offshore Jersey in 80' of water and had 4-6 lb. blacks along with quite a few ling on conch and clam bait.

STATEN ISLAND

Lenny of **Santo's Sport Shop** reported boatmen fishing sand worms in the vicinity of the VZ bridge take quite a few school bass in the 3 to 10 lb. class. Those fishing live bunker or trolling big spoon pick a way at big fish up to 41 lbs. Bluefish in the 8 to 10 lb. class being trolled on Lupo bunker spoons and tubes from Great Kills Harbor to Orchard Light. A few weakfish up to 10 lbs. still being taken on bait in Great Kills Harbor. Some super late season crabbing going on at Piers 8, 12, 17 and 18. Flounders can be taken in addition to the crabs at the same piers. Also pretty fair flounder fishing inside Great Kills Harbor.

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Art White reported from his bait shop that blackfishing around Plum and Gull Islands as well as out in the Sound has been very good. Bluefishing also continues very good at the Race, the Gut and at the Ruins. Art said boatmen take plenty of flounders in Petty's Bight. These fish have been running up to 2½ lbs.

SOUTHOLD

Ace at **Port of Egypt Fishing Station** reported the finest kind of blackfishing from Mulford Point east to the Orient Light. Ace weighed in blackfish up to 13 lbs. in recent days. Flounder fishing continues good at the Traps, east of the station and in Petty's Bight. Worms and clams take the flounder which have been running from 1 to 2½ lbs. Bluefish being taken in the Gut along with a few bass on drifted bucktails.

On the bay side, blacks at the Brickyard and off of the Greenlawns while boatmen take flounder in Pipes Cove, at Long Beach and in front of the station.

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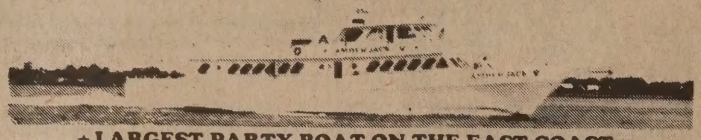

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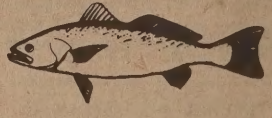

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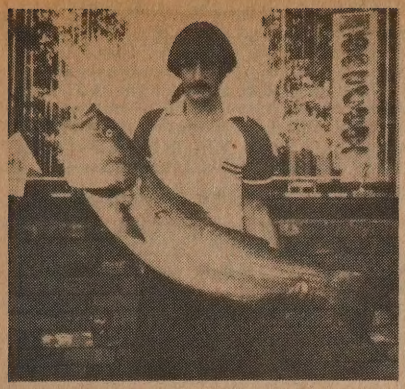

Frank White journeyed to striper-rich Cape Cod to land this 40 lber. on a Hopkins. Photo courtesy of Ronnie's Bait and Tackle.

but there are plenty to be had. Captain Artie is working Plum Island, Little and Big Gull Islands and the east side of Gardiner's. Pool fish running in the 8-9 lb. category on the blackfish. Blacks averaging 2-4 lbs. The water is still warm and a good number of rats are caught. Artie says to remind you he has free green crabs on the boat. Still plenty of porgies being caught, all you want of mediums and jumbos.

AQUEBOGUE

From **Warren's Bait and Tackle** we were told of lots of blackfish at Orient along with a few porgies mixed in. Lots of flounder at Orient along with some bass and blues in the Gut. Bucktails, eels and trolled plugs account for the bass and blues. Late last week, Warren looked over a catch of 16 stripers, all cows, the two biggest weighing 53 and 51 lbs. The angler would not say where he took the fish but Warren did say the fish were taken on bait.

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ROCKY POINT

Stan at **Rocky Point Fishing Stop** reported plenty of blues in the 2 to 5 lb. class roaming the Sound between buoy 9 and the Sound Beach tower. Lots of blacks being taken at Shoreham on fiddler crabs.

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At **Ralph's Fishing Station** we learned that blues in the 2 to 4 lb. class are being trolled in the Sound. Bigger fish have been scarce of late. Ralph called the blackfishing fair with some tautogs in the 7 to 8 lbs. class weighed in last week. Some big porgies still remain in 40 to 45' of water outside of the Harbor. Flounders in the Harbor anywhere from postage stamps up to 2 lbs. Best bet for

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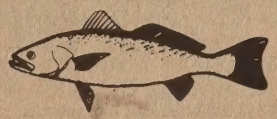

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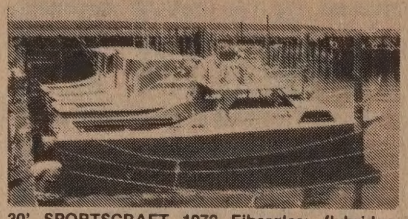

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Eugene Mayer landed this 18½ lb. slammer blue on a live bunker in Cold Spring Harbor. Fish was weighed at Four Winds Bait and Tackle.

the flatfish are worms.

PORT JEFFERSON

At **Caraftis Fishing Station**, plenty of blackfish at Crane's Neck and Old Field Point. Quite a few tautogs go to 10 lbs. During the week, blues up to 17 lbs. were trolled and jigged at the Middle Grounds. Small blues on jigs at buoy 11 and a couple of snappers and sand porgies still hanging around. A very good showing of school bass in the 2 to 4 lb. class in Conscience Bay and at the Harbor jetties. Most of these fish are being taken by worm trollers.

KINGS PARK

O.K. Bait and Tackle tells us a little bit of everything was caught over the weekend. Action was strong off Callahan's Beach with skiffs averaging 20 keeper flounder, porgies and a few blackfish per skiff. Some nice flounders and eels also in the Nissequogue River. Plenty of large tinker mackerel everywhere. Bob Koliner and Arnold Discorsi shot 9 coot Friday and report that the shooting is super.

NORTHPORT

Tom at **Bowman's Sporting Goods** described the bass fishing in the Eaton's Neck Rips as excellent. Most of the fish average 6 to 10 lbs. with an occasional fish in the high teens or twenties. Black umbrellas and bucktails have been accounting for most of the stripers. Bluefish in the 5 to 6 lb. class continue to be taken on jigs at the Obstruction Buoy. Blacks on green crabs and fiddlers at Eaton's Neck, Target Rock and off of Makamah. Flounders along the beach at Ashroken and also in the Harbor. Worms are taking most of the flatties.

HUNTINGTON

From **Ronnie's Bait & Tackle** came word of one of the biggest blues taken on the Island this year. Rocco Aureliano of Huntington trolled an umbrella rig at Eaton's Neck and found a huge bluefish that eventually tipped the scales at Ronnie's shop at 24½ lbs. The monster blue measured 37" in length and had a girth of 23". Ronnie also added that blackfishing has been very good at buoy 13 and off of Makamah. Donna and Joe St. Pierre returned with 12 blackfish up to 7 lbs. along with 18 blues, all of which

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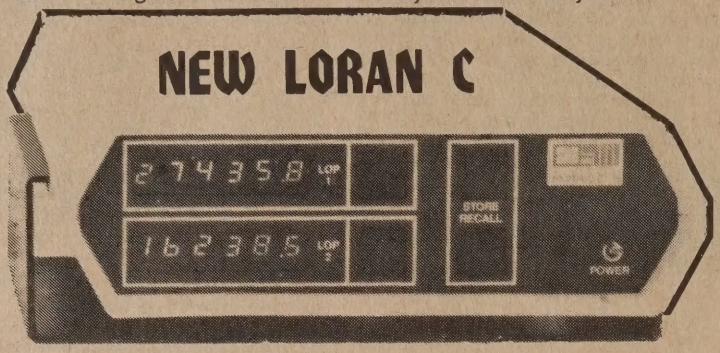

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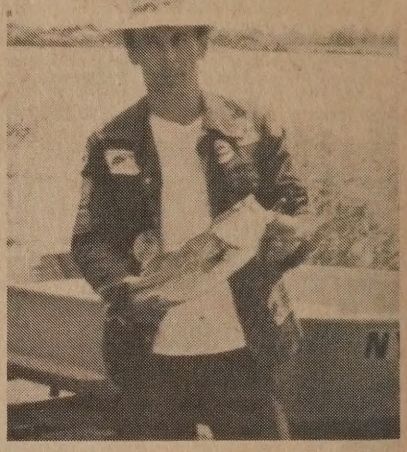
were taken at Eaton's Neck. Good bass fishing at Eaton's Neck. The fish are running 6 to 15 lbs. and are being taken on bucktails, jigs and black or white umbrella rigs.



Tom Matula topped off a catch of four largemouth bass with this 7 lb. 2 oz. lunker. Fish came from Mill Pond and were taken on purple worms. Photo courtesy of O.K. Bait Shop.

NORTH SHORE WEST END

★ **BEST BET** ★
BLACKFISH

COLD SPRING Hbr.

Tom of **Salty's Bait & Tackle** told of good size flounder in Cold Spring Harbor and Oyster Bay on worms. Blackfishing now in top form in all the rocky areas. Green crabs accounting for the biggest tautogs. Casters can catch the blacks at Stehlis Beach. Mixed size blues in the Harbor and also buoy 15. Biggest fish checked in last week was a 17 pounder taken from inside the Harbor. Anyone interested in joining the newly formed Syosset Anglers Club can call or visit Tom at Salty's.

GLEN COVE

The **Lady Lil II** called to report good blackfishing out in the deeper water of the Sound. The fish have been averaging 2 to 6 lbs. and are taking both fiddlers and green crabs. The Capt. said he has been fishing in water 50 to 60' deep due to last week's warming trend.

CITY ISLAND

From **Jack's Bait & Tackle** we learned of plenty of blackfish around all the rocky areas. Jack said that local waters are paved with small flounders. Bluefish in the 2 to 3 lb. class roaming around the Sound and good school bass fishing continues at High and Hart's Islands on worms, bucktails and small swimming plugs.

SURF REPORT
with Fred Golofaro

Forgetting the Long Island surf scene for the moment, I would be remiss in my duties if I failed to mention the surf fishing possibilities on Nantucket Island. My wife, Donna, and I spent four fantastic days on the Island last week. I cannot say enough about the Island other than that every serious surf fisherman owes it to himself to pay a visit to "The far away Island".

The local surf fishing picture provided encouraging reports from some areas while some beaches provided little action in recent days. Montauk which had been enjoying fairly consistent fishing for a couple of weeks saw good fishing continue through Thursday of last week. The weekend however, was another story. Very few fish were taken from Friday through Sunday. A few bass and blues scattered along south shore beaches. Notably Field Three, Robert Moses, West End Jones Beach and the Staten Island shore. A good showing of small school bass along north shore beaches along with scattered catches of blues. This is the way things shaped up as a result of calls around the Island.

SOUTH SHORE: EAST END

Johnny Kronuck said that fishing was good up until Thursday but died over the weekend. Thursday night, James Keller of Queens took a 31 lb. bass at North Bar. Also Thursday Andy Richman of Flushing nearly matched this fish with a 30 pounder at the same location. Going back to last Wednesday, North Bar produced a 43¼ lb. striper for Bob Lucchesi. These fish were all taken on darters. John took a 30 lb. bass himself Thursday evening at Ditch Plains. The only action Johnny knew of over the weekend included a few bass in the 20s taken from Weakfish Rock Saturday night and a couple of big weaks taken under the Light.

John Bianco, Jim Smith and Ron Lapinsky did it again with 23 monster blues up to 20 lbs. The catch was made at Execution Lt. on bunker chunks and checked in at Jack's Bait and Tackle.

Thom Speckenbach reported from his Shinnecock tackle shop that Jerry Shaw stopped in on the way home from Montauk Sunday. Thom weighed up a 20 lb. striper for him which was taken on tin at 1:00 in the afternoon near Gurney's. Steve Mars took bass of 9 and 10½ lbs. on bucktails from the Inlet rocks over the weekend. Steve had his action at high water. A few blues along the beach last week but nothing to get excited about and a 16 lb. bass was taken on an eel at Mecox, also last week.

From **Altenkirch Bait & Tackle** word of a few bass and blues taken by casters on the west side of Shinnecock in recent days. Both plugs and tins have accounted for fish.

SOUTH SHORE: WEST END

I had it from several very reliable sources that there was a decent showing of blues in the 8 to 13 lb. class at Field Three, Robert Moses, Saturday a.m. and again in the afternoon. Fish were caught on tin and bait and despite a big turnout of anglers on Sunday no fish were taken.

Hays at **The Store** in Oak Beach weighed in a 36 lb. striper for a caster on Saturday morning. The fish was taken at Cedar Beach on a silver Creek Chub popper. Action along the Cedar-Gilgo shore was on the quite side in recent days with an occasional blue being picked up by anglers fishing live eels.

Charlie Beckmann reported from his Island Park shop that Saturday morning, John Flateisek of Malverne clicked with a 27½ lb. striper at West End Two on a live eel. The following morning Emil Vyskocil put a 33½ lb. striper and a 10 lb. blue on the same West End Beach. Emil took his fish on an Atom swimmer.

Bass being taken at Penny's Beach, Cliff St. and along South Beach on swimming plugs according to Lenny of **Santo's Sport Shop** in Staten Island. No big run of fish but persistent casters pick a way at the fish. Bill Seabrook took a 37½ pounder last Friday on a Danny swimmer. Blues still being taken by bait fishermen at Great Kills Park and at the South Beach and Burger Ave. storm sewers.

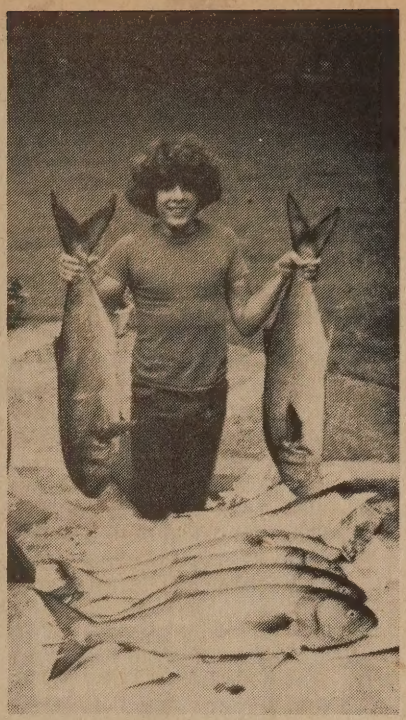
NORTH SHORE: WEST END

In City Island, **Jack's Tackle Shop** reported that good school bass action continues in Turtle Cove and along Orchard Beach. Worms, small bucktails and Rebel or Redfin swimmers account for most of the fish. Best tide is last couple of hours of incoming and the first couple of hours of the dropping tide. An occasional big bluefish still picked up on bait at Orchard Beach.

Tom at **Salty's Bait & Tackle** in Cold Spring Harbor knew that casters at Caumsett pick a way at school bass in the 5 to 8 lb. class on 4½" broken back Rebels. A State Park permit is required to fish this stretch of beach.

Ronnie Ferrara told me from his Huntington Shop that he knew of several blues and a few bass taken on bunker chunks at Sand City.

In the Northport area, Tom Bowman reported some bluefish action at Ashroken and the Power Plant in the early morning and evening hours. Popping plugs have been accounting for choppers in the 5 to 10 lb. class with an occasional slammer up to 18 lbs. Some school bass scattered along the same beaches.



Fourteen-year-old Anthony Storino used RedFin swimmers to take these six blues from 14-18 lbs. near Rye Beach. Subscriber photo.

NORTH SHORE: EAST END

A decent showing of school bass at Hagerman's Landing on small tins, poppers and swimmers, said Stan of the **Rocky Point Fishing Stop**. Most of the fishing has been during the daylight hours. Stan tried himself after dark, and did nothing. Small blues up to 3 lbs. along local beaches on tin and poppers and the Shoreham jetty still producing an occasional big blue on bait.

From **Warren's Tackle Shop** in Aquebogue I was told of some bass and blues being taken at Kenny's Beach. Bass have been taken on Rebels and Redfins while the bluefish have been falling for bait fished on the bottom or popping plugs.

Ace Lieblen confirmed the bass and blue fish action at Kenny's Beach and added that Mulford Point has also been producing some fish. Bunker chunks for the blues and Rebels for the school bass according to Ace.

Art White knew from several anglers, that casters have been taking both bass and blues at Horton's Point on poppers, redfins and Rebels. Most of the bass are schoolies.

CAPE REPORT

Word from the Cape was that after some real fast fishing for jumbos on eels two weekends ago, action has been on the picky side.

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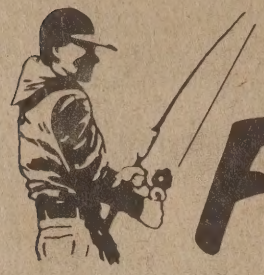

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